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EDUCATION

Transylvania University, B.A. 1985
Campbell University, J.D. 1993

BAR ADMISSION

Tennessee, 1993
U.S. District Court, Eastern and
Middle Districts of Tennessee
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Sixth Circuit

PRACTICE AREAS

Construction
Insurance Coverage
Professional Liability Defense

David Draper is a Knoxville native and shareholder in the firm's construction law practice group. His practice is concentrated in construction, design, medical and legal professional liability defense, commercial litigation and insurance coverage disputes. Construction and construction related insurance coverage disputes, and professional liability defense comprise approximately 80 percent of Mr. Draper's practice.

Mr. Draper has extensive arbitration experience and he serves as both an arbitrator and mediator. He is a Rule 31 listed Civil Mediator. His representation of owners and developers has included numerous zoning and land use matters pending before the Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission and other regional planning commissions. Mr. Draper has also represented a variety of businesses in environmental disputes before the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development. He also advises clients on OSHA compliance and defends OSHA enforcement cases.

AFFILIATIONS

- Tennessee Bar Association
- Knoxville Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

- Fellow, Knoxville Bar Foundation
- Recipient, President's Award for distinguished service to the Knoxville Bar Association, 1999
- Board of Governors of the Knoxville Bar Association, 1998-2000
- Co-chair, Knoxville Bar Associations' Functions Committee, organized the Cheers for Charity event to benefit Legal Aid of East Tennessee
- Master of the Bench, Hamilton Burnett American Inns of Court
- Member, Knox Area Chamber Partnership Premier Partners Program
- Committee member, Chamber's Intergovernmental Relations Committee
- Past Chair, City of Knoxville Better Building Board
- Advisory Board, Knoxville Waterfront Development
- Legal Counsel, Apartment Association of Greater Knoxville

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Elder Emeritus, Stewardship Chair, Erin Presbyterian Church
- Knox Area Chamber Partnership
- Past Chair, United Way of Greater Knoxville, Lawyer's Division
- East Tennessee Historical Society

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AFFILIATIONS

- Past board member and sustaining associate, Associated General Contractors, Knoxville branch
- Associate member, Associated General Contractors, Tri-Cities branch
- Industry member, American Institute of Architects of East Tennessee

- Associate member, Tennessee Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors
- Member, Construction Specifications Institute, Knoxville Chapter

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. Draper has authored and presented seminars on a wide-range of topics bearing on the construction industry and professional liability for more than 18 years to local and regional audiences. Some of his recent seminar engagements include the following:

- *Complying with Rules and Regulations on Design Professional Practice*, Halfmoon Seminars, Knoxville, 2015.
- *Contract Terms Worth Fighting For – or Against* – Lorman Education Services, Knoxville, 2014
- *Walking the OSHA Tightrope – from Whistleblowers to Criminal Liability*, Construction Practice Group Seminar, American Law Firm Association, Asheville, 2014.
- *Virtual Design and Construction: Making It Work and Avoiding Problems*, Lewis King Krieg & Waldrop, P.C. Construction Practice Seminar, Knoxville, 2014.
- *Avoiding Risk with Case Studies on “Recent” Engineering Liability Cases – and a touch of BIM!*, 2014 Engineer’s Conference – ACEC/TSPE/ASCE, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, 2014
- *Contracting Practices & Standard Terms and Conditions*, Tennessee Association of Plumbing Heating and Cooling Contractors, Knoxville, 2014.
- *OCIP Insurance and The Knoxville Convention Center – Some Lessons Learned*, Spring Conference, Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel, Asheville, 2014
- *Risk Management in the Age of the Electronic Health Record*, Medical Group Management Association, Fall Conference, Knoxville, 2013.
- *The Designer’s Duty of Inspection – A Case Study*, American Institute of Architects of East Tennessee, 2011.
- *Managing Risk in Green Design and Construction*, Lorman Education Services, Knoxville, 2009