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Mary Beth Hagan practices with the Hagan Law Group, PLLC where she focuses her practice on construction, business, and real estate litigation. Prior to moving her practice closer to home in Murfreesboro, she practiced in downtown Nashville at a mid-sized law firm with an emphasis on business and construction litigation. Mary Beth received an AV Preeminent® rating with the Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review program. Mary Beth is an active member of the ABA Forum on Construction Law and Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel. She also spends time working with the non-profit organization Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity to help people find affordable housing.

EXPERIENCE

- **Hagan Law Group, PLLC**
Managing Attorney, July 2015-present
Litigation, mediation, and arbitration practice consisting of 90% construction litigation; Advocating for contractors, subcontractors, commercial property owners, homeowners, and small to medium-sized business owners. Trial, arbitration, administrative, and appellate practice. Advising small to medium-sized businesses on legal matters.
- **Rule 31 Listed General Civil Mediator**, 2017 – present
- **Commercial Arbitrator**, American Arbitration Association, 2009 – present

PAST EXPERIENCE

- **Hagan & Farrar, PLLC**, Managing Attorney, June 2012 – June 2015
- **Blankenship, Blankenship & Hagan, PLLC**, Attorney, January 2008-May 2012
- **Gullett, Sanford, Robinson & Martin, PLLC**, Attorney, August 2002-December 2008
Litigation and arbitration against U.S. Department of Justice, State of Tennessee, and local municipalities.
- **Tennessee Supreme Court**, Internship, Summer 2000
Reviewing appeals and drafting opinion for Tennessee Workers' Compensation Panel.
- **Tennessee General Assembly**, Internship with House Majority Leader, Spring 1999
Tracked legislation through committees; research; compiled articles for review by caucus members.
- **State Board of Equalization** Internship, Summers 1998, 1999
Processed property tax exemption applications for non-profit organizations and organized and briefed over 200 appellate opinions for computer access by Staff Attorney and Administrative Law Judges.

EDUCATION

- **Doctor of Jurisprudence**, May 2002, high honors
University of Tennessee College of Law Knoxville, TN
Extracurricular: Tennessee Law Review; Executive Research Editor; Speaker Series Chair 2001-02, Vice-Chair for Development 2000-01; Phi Alpha Delta
- **Bachelor of Science, Political Science**, May 1999, *magna cum laude, in cursu honorum*
Tennessee Technological University Cookeville, TN
Extracurricular: Student Government Association; Chair of University Student Monies Allocation Committee; Alpha Delta Pi Sorority – leadership; Pre-Law Society President; Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society President; Alpha Mu Gamma Honor Society President; Mock Trial; American Institute of Parliamentarians; Rotaract Service Club Vice-President

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- **ABA Forum on Construction Law** - Division 9 member, Program Coordinator Spring 2017.
- **American Bar Association** - Construction Litigation Committee.
- **Tennessee Bar Association** - Construction Section Immediate Past Chair.
- **Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel** - Secretary and Board Member.
- **TBA Leadership Law** – Class of 2013.
- **Rutherford/Cannon County Bar Association** – Past member Membership and CLE Committee
- **CABLE Rutherford County**
- **Inns of Court, Rutherford County**

SERVICE

- **Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity** - Board Member, 2015-present.
- **Alumni Council – University of Tennessee College of Law**, 2015-present.
- **University of Tennessee Alumni Association of Rutherford County**, 2007-2011
Board Member and Secretary
- **Girl Scouts of America** – Girl Scout Troop Leader, 2010- present.
Troop leader for troop of multi-national girls ages 5-13, 2000-2002.
- **ACE Mentor**, Cane Ridge High School and Central Magnet High School, 2013-present
- **Nolensville First United Methodist Church**

PUBLICATIONS/SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, *Ask-A-Lawyer*, Tennessee Small Business Development Council, 2017
- Speaker, TBA Construction Law CLE Program, 2013-2017 – Program Co-Producer
- Speaker at Plenary Session, *Delay Damages – What's Hot, What's Not*, ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, January 2013, Naples, Florida.
- Guest Lecturer, MTSU, Concrete Industry Management Department, 2012-present.
- *Title Defects*, NBI CLE, Nashville, Tennessee, 2011, 2012, 2015.
- *Case Law Update*, TACC Annual Program, Nashville, Tennessee, November 11, 2011.
- Court Square Series, TBA CLE program, Manchester, Tennessee, *Preparing a Case for Appeal*, September 19, 2012; *Advocating Residential Construction Disputes*, September 22, 2011.
- Court Square Series *Presenting an Arbitration Case*, Tennessee Bar Association CLE program, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, September 16, 2011.
- Court Square Series *Arbitration*, Tennessee Bar Association CLE program, November 19, 2010, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.
- *What Every Construction Lawyer Needs to Know About Cost Estimating*, co-authored with John Finch, PBG, American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry Fall Meeting, 2010.
- *Mediating and Arbitrating Construction Disputes* seminar, Tennessee Bar Association, January 22, 2010, Nashville, Tennessee.
- *Fundamentals of Construction Law* seminar, American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry, November 5, 2009, Nashville, Tennessee.
- *Construction Lien Law* seminar, Lorman Education Services, February 27, 2009, Knoxville, Tennessee.
- *Timing is Everything: Notice Provisions in Mechanics' Lien Law*, Nashville Bar Journal, 2004.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **Mid-South Rising Stars – SuperLawyers – Construction Law**, 2013-present
- **Richard F. Laroche Sr. Pro Bono Award for Service to the Community in 2010**, Rutherford/Cannon County Bar Association, 2010.
- **Order of the Coif**
- **Tennessee Law Review Editor's Award**, 2002
- **Robert E. Pryor Award of Excellence in Advocacy Award**, 2001
- **James R. Omer Scholarship Endowment**, 1999-2000
- **Mortar Board Honor Society**
- **Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society**
- **Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society**
- **Class Valedictorian**, Fairview High School