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Bill Tate is a construction litigator, a Rule 31 Mediator and an Arbitrator. His practice focuses on construction litigation, insurance coverage of construction disputes, bankruptcy and commercial litigation. Mr. Tate has practiced law in Nashville, Tennessee for the last forty years, working on construction and insurance coverage and a multitude of other insurance issues. Mr. Tate has spent many years litigating and negotiating bankruptcy matters, including construction cases involving Surety issues, construction issues and financial issues.

Mr. Tate has served as a Mediator and as an Arbitrator in construction cases, real estate, bankruptcy and insurance matters and has participated in mediations involving wrongful death claims, real estate, copyright and trademark issues.

Mr. Tate has lectured on insurance coverage of construction disputes and has advised clients regarding insurance coverage of entertainment matters, including copyright infringement. Mr. Tate has been a featured speaker for the Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel (2007, 2011, 2015) and the Tennessee Bar Association Construction Law Section (2009, 2011, 2012, 2018) on the topic of Insurance Coverage of Construction Disputes in Tennessee.

Mr. Tate is a 1979 graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law where he was a member of the Tennessee Law Review. He served as a judicial law clerk to the Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court, Ray L. Brock and was also a judicial clerk to Houston M. Goddard of the Tennessee Court of Appeals. He is the author of *Mechanics' and Materialmen's Liens*, 45 Tenn. Law Rev. 741.

Mr. Tate served on the Board of Directors of the Nashville Bar Association from 1997 to 1999 and as First Vice-President of the Nashville Bar Association in 1999. He has served as the President (2010 – 2011) and a Trustee of the Nashville Bar Foundation. Mr. Tate also served on the Board of Vanderbilt Children's Hospital including serving as the Chairman of the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital Board in 1997 and 1998. He is an AV rated attorney by Martindale Hubbell and is very proficient in the French language.

Mr. Tate is admitted to all State and Federal Courts in the State of Tennessee, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Former President (2014 – 2015) of the Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel and Chair of the Mediation/Arbitration Committee of the Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel.

Cases of interest: *American Guarantee and Liability Insurance Company v. Norfolk Southern Railway Company*, Summary Judgment Order, 278 F. Supp. 3d 1025, (E.D.Tenn., October 6, 2017) *Assurance Company of America v. Continental Development*, 2009 WL 1616760, M.D.Tenn., June 08, 2009, Affirmed by the U.S. Sixth Circuit, (2010 WL 3398484); *Miele v. Zurich U.S.*, 98 S.W.3d 670 (Tenn. Ct. App., 2002); *In re Thompson*, 30 B.R. 165 (Bankr. Mid. Tenn. 1994).

Awards:

Nashville Business Journal's Best of the Bar Award 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 – Award highlighting Middle Tennessee's leading lawyers and corporate counsel as chosen by their peers.

Lexology Client Choice Award 2013 –Recognizes attorneys around the world that stand apart for the excellent client service they provide and is based on in-house counsel and client interviews and comments.

Super Lawyer for ten years 2010 – 2019 – Lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

Farmers Insurance Group Gladiator Award 2012 – Farmers presents this national award annually in recognition of outstanding trial results.