

WEAREN HUGHES ADR



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Wearen Hughes retired as a member of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC in Nashville as of January 1, 2022, after 44 years with the firm. In addition to his experience as an attorney, he has 25+ years' experience as an arbitrator and mediator. His primary focus as a lawyer was on construction contracting and on dispute resolution in construction, environmental, and other commercial matters.

Arbitrator and Mediator: Wearen served and, since retirement from Bass, Berry & Sims, continues to serve as an arbitrator and mediator. He has been on the American Arbitration Association panel of arbitrators since 1995, and presently serves on the AAA Construction, Environmental, Large Complex Case and Consumer panels. In AAA and private arbitrations, he has served and continues to serve on panels, including as chair, and as sole arbitrator in a variety of disputes. His arbitrations or mediations have included most of the types of claims and disputes listed below. He has been a Tennessee Rule 31 Mediator for General Civil Mediation since 2001.

Construction: As a lawyer, Wearen assisted public and private owners as well as contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, or design professionals in:

- **Construction & Design Matters** – Representing clients in many types of construction-related disputes, including ones involving

SERVICES

Arbitrator

Mediator

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt Law School
J.D., 1977

Vanderbilt University
B.A., 1974

ADMISSIONS

Tennessee, 1977

U.S. District Court,
Eastern District of
Tennessee

U.S. District Court,
Middle District of
Tennessee

U.S. District Court,
Western District of
Tennessee

U.S. Court of Appeals,
Sixth Circuit

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mechanics' and materialmen's liens, Prompt Pay Acts and other payment issues, design and construction defects, changes and change orders, differing site conditions, bid disputes, acceleration, impact and delay claims, contract terminations, bond claims, and insurance disputes, and in drafting and negotiating many types of construction, design and related contracts, including those based on industry-standard forms.

- **Alternative Dispute Resolution** – Representing clients in numerous settlement negotiations, judicial settlement conferences, mediations and arbitrations.

Other Disputes: Wearen represented clients in numerous types of other matters, including insurance coverage, creditor's rights, products liability, industrial accident, premises liability, environmental, and commercial disputes.

Memberships

Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel (TACC)

Tennessee Bar Association ---Dispute Resolution Section and Construction Law Section

Nashville Bar Association (former member and Board member)

American Bar Association — Dispute Resolution Section and Forum on Construction Law

Accolades

Best Lawyers® — Nashville Arbitration “Lawyer of the Year” (2021, 2013); Nashville Mediation “Lawyer of the Year” (2020); Nashville Litigation: Construction “Lawyer of the Year” (2019, 2017, 2012); Nashville Construction Law “Lawyer of the Year” (2018, 2016)

The Best Lawyers in America® — Arbitration; Construction Law; Litigation: Construction; Mediation (2003-2022)

Lawdragon 3000 Leading Lawyers in America

Don L. Smith Award (Lifetime Achievement in the Advancement of Tennessee Construction Law)— TACC (2017)

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Mid-South Super Lawyers (2007-2021)

Nashville Post “Nashville’s 101 Top Lawyers” (2011)

Nashville Bar Foundation — Fellow

TACC — Former President and Board Member

Dispute Resolution, Tennessee Bar Association Dispute Resolution
Section Newsletter — Former Editor