



## MARY BETH HAGAN

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Mary Beth Hagan practices with the Hagan Jenkins Law Group, PLLC where she focuses her practice on construction, business, and real estate litigation, counseling for small to mid-sized businesses, and alternative dispute resolution. 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. She is an active member of the 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 Jenkins Law Group, PLLC**  
Managing Attorney, July 2015-present  
Litigation, mediation, and arbitration practice consisting of 90% business, construction, and real estate 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 and Construction Arbitrator**, American Arbitration Association, 2009 – present
- **Red Shoe Title, Inc.**, 2021- present  
President, Manages business and staff; Handles a variety of real estate closings for residential and commercial transactions
- **Adjunct Professor**, MTSU – Construction Law, School of Concrete and Construction Management, Spring 2022 – present
- **Disciplinary Hearing Committee, District 4**, TN Board of Professional Responsibility; Appointed to three-year term by Tennessee Supreme Court, 2023 – present.
- **City of Murfreesboro**, Disciplinary Review Board member, 2018 – 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. Primary practice areas: construction, title insurance defense, real property disputes
- **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 Past Chair; TBA Leadership Law – Class of 2013
- **Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel** – Executive Council Board Member (2021 – present); Past Education Chair (2017-2020); Past Secretary; Past Communications Chair.
- **Rutherford/Cannon County Bar Association** – Past member Membership and CLE Committee
- **Inns of Court, Rutherford County** – 2011 – Present

## SERVICE

- **Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity** – Immediate Past Board President (2020-2022); Board Member, 2015-2022.
- **Alumni Council – University of Tennessee College of Law**, 2015-2021.
- **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**, Lay Speaker and Lay Delegate to Annual Conference

## PUBLICATIONS/SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Creator of *The Red Steeple Podcast*, 2021 – present.
- Speaker, *Advice from a Judge and an Arbitrator*, Tennessee Bar Association Construction Law Section CLE Program, 2023
- Speaker, Tennessee Habitat for Humanity 2022 State Conference, *Homeownership after Death*, July 2022
- Speaker, *Top Ten Business Considerations*, Middle Tennessee Small Business Development Center, 2018-present
- 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.
- *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*, Tennessee Bar Association, January 22, 2010.

- *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**

- **SuperLawyers in Construction Law** 2018-22, **Mid-South Rising Stars in Construction Law** 2013-17
- **Richard F. Laroche Sr. Pro Bono Award for Service to the Community**, Rutherford/Cannon County Bar Association, 2010.
- **Law School:** 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
- **Undergraduate:** Mortar Board Honor Society; Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society