



John T. Rouse

MEMBER

John T. Rouse is originally from Grenada, Mississippi, and has practiced with McGlinchey Stafford in the states of Mississippi and Tennessee for more than a decade. Through his practice, John has developed a reputation for honesty and civility paired with advanced legal reasoning. He is an avid hunter, diver, and surfer, and enjoys Southeastern Conference football.

Practice Focus

John represents corporate clients in private civil litigation pending in Mississippi and Tennessee state and federal courts as a member of the firm's Commercial Litigation group. He focuses a substantial portion of his practice handling complex civil litigation filed against financial institutions, domestic and foreign product manufacturers, automotive finance and insurance companies, and national insurance companies.

John has extensive experience handling matters for banks, mortgage lenders, and mortgage servicers surrounding federal and state consumer protection laws, including the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Fair Housing Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Truth in Lending Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, among others.

John also has significant experience handling complex general litigation for automobile, aircraft, marine engine, and heavy equipment manufacturers, as well as airlines and trucking companies involving product defects, product designs, breach of warranty, wrongful death, contract, finance, insurance, and default issues. John's technology and business background allows him to quickly understand issues and present complex concepts to judges and jurors to increase favorable results for his clients.

John's recent representations in Tennessee include:

- Counseling mortgage servicers in Tennessee on an array of loan servicing issues;
- Drafting lease and other related contract documents for a Tennessee manufactured home park and advising on landlord/tenant laws;
- Defending a large mortgage originator in Tennessee state court on an alleged fraudulent loan;
- Advising a local Tennessee bank on default, bankruptcy, and restructuring commercial loans;
- Counseling a heavy equipment manufacturer, defending against multiple product liability claims in Tennessee state and federal courts;
- Obtaining summary judgment in favor of a regional bank on flood plane and flood insurance issues under NFIA in Tennessee state and federal court; and
- Obtaining summary judgment for a national mortgage servicer on wrongful foreclosure claims.

John's recent representations in Mississippi include:

- Obtaining pretrial dismissal of a large aircraft manufacturer on multiple wrongful death claims;
- Obtaining successful summary judgment on wrongful foreclosure claims against mortgage loan investor;
- Serving as counsel for a large aircraft manufacturer on product defect claims;
- Defending a national airline in cases surrounding wrongful death and claims of negligence and misrepresentation under the Montreal Convention involving international travel;
- Successfully appealing through the Mississippi Court of Appeals and Mississippi Supreme Court on delinquent sales taxes owed to a heavy equipment retailer;
- Advising a local Mississippi bank on residential mortgages, foreclosure, and deficiency issues;
- Serving as counsel for a foreign automobile manufacturer, defending against multiple breach of warranty claims;
- Defending and obtaining summary judgment in favor of a marine engine manufacturer in a wrongful death claim;

Service Areas

Appellate
 Class Action Defense
 Commercial Litigation
 Construction
 Consumer Financial Services Litigation
 Insurance Defense and Coverage
 Products Liability

Education

Mississippi College School of Law, J.D., 2004, Law Review, Moot Court Board
 University of Mississippi, MBA, Marketing, Management Information Systems, 2001
 Delta State University, B.B.A., Computer Information Systems, 1999

Admissions

Mississippi
 Tennessee
 U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi
 U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi
 U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee
 U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee
 U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

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- Serving as counsel for multiple national banks in federal and state court litigation surrounding modifications of residential mortgage loans under HAMP;
- Achieving resolution of an array of residential title issues for multiple title insurance companies through successful litigation in Mississippi chancery court;
- Defending litigation filed by a national trucking company against a heavy equipment manufacturer based on unpaid invoices from a third-party carrier under unauthorized bills of lading;
- Defending a national technology company in a nationwide class action involving Lanham Act claims alleging false advertising;
- Serving as counsel for a major national bank in a nationwide class action involving alleged violations of a national homeowner forbearance program;
- Successfully resolving a bad-faith denial of insurance claims for a nationwide mortgage loan servicer;
- Securing multiple summary judgments in favor a nationwide mortgage servicer in wrongful foreclosure cases;
- Serving as counsel for multiple national mortgage lenders in a series of mass actions involving hundreds of plaintiffs making RICO claims surrounding the origination of mortgage loans; and
- Serving as counsel for a large bank in connection with the settlement of a nationwide class action alleging mortgage fraud and predatory lending.

John has been recognized in *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, which includes both Tennessee and Mississippi, for multiple years as a "Rising Star" in the area of business litigation. He is an AV-rated lawyer who has been described by sources interviewed as "a lawyer of integrity and skill. He is also someone who believes that two lawyers can represent their adverse clients well while behaving in a civil and friendly discourse." John is consistently reviewed by his clients, co-counsel, and even opposing counsel as having the highest of ethical standards throughout his litigation practice.

John is a Managing Editor of the [CAFA Law Blog](#), providing information on the Class Action Fairness Act since 2005. John has published articles on a wide variety of legal issues impacting CAFA and other areas of litigation and electronic discovery. He is a frequent speaker in those areas, particularly on matters relating to eDiscovery.

John is firmly committed to providing *pro bono* legal services to members of our community who cannot afford to pay for counsel. He recently handled an estate on behalf of a minor from his home town on a *pro bono* basis when the minor's father passed away.

He is an active member of the American, Tennessee, and Mississippi Bar Associations. In Mississippi, he serves on the Professionalism Committee, striving to improve civility in the practice of law. He also serves on the Law Related Education Committee for the Capital Area Bar Association working to engage local students in areas of the law. He has been an integral member of the Character and Fitness Committee of the Mississippi Board of Bar Admissions since 2007.

Before entering practice, John was employed by Accenture, providing consulting services for International Paper in Memphis, Tennessee. John holds a J.D. from Mississippi College School of Law, where he served as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Mississippi College Law Review*, publishing three issues over his one-year term. John also received the Joey Phillips Memorial award as the most respected among his third-year law school classmates. Prior to law school, he received his M.B.A. from the University of Mississippi with specialties in Management Information Systems and Marketing, and his B.A. from Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi.

Professional Affiliations

- Tennessee Bar Association
- Memphis Bar Association
- Nashville Bar Association
- The Mississippi Bar Association, Professionalism Committee (2015–2018) and Technology Committee (2010–2014)
- Capital Area Bar Association, Law Related Education Committee (2015–2018)
- Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association, Young Lawyer's subcommittee Chair (2007), Website (2013)
- Fifth Circuit Bar Association

- Federal Bar Association
- American Bar Association, Commercial and Business Litigation Committee (2013–2016)
- American Bar Association, Consumer Financial Services Committee (2017–present)

Honors

- *Martindale-Hubbell* AV Preeminent ® Peer Review Rated Lawyer
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, including Tennessee and Mississippi, "Rising Star" (Business Litigation), 2012–2014
- Charles Clark American Inn of Court, 2016–2018
- The Mississippi Bar Leadership Forum, Class of 2014
- Graduate, National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) Trial Academy
- Editor-in-Chief, *Mississippi College Law Review*, 2003–2004
- Joey Phillips Memorial Award, Mississippi College School of Law, 2004

Community and Other Activities

- Adjunct Professor, Mississippi College School of Law, Appellate Advocacy (2008–2014) and Legal Writing III (2015 to present)
- Mississippi Board of Bar Admissions, Character and Fitness Committee (2007–2017); Vice Chairman (2017–present)
- Cotton Land Cruisers, Toyota Land Cruiser Association

Recent Publications

Summer 2014	Defending Against Requests for Production of Documents with 30 (B)(6) Notices of Deposition ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Business Litigation Committee Newsletter
Winter 2011	Have You Heard of Electronic Discovery and Metadata ABA Consumer & Civil Rights Litigation, Vol. 14, No. 1
August/September 2011	A Primer on Metadata: To Scrub or Not to Scrub? Executive Counsel Magazine
May/June 2008	E-Discovery and the Ethics of Metadata The Mississippi Lawyer, Volume LIV, Number 4
Spring 2008	eDiscovery 101: What is Metadata and How Do you Produce ESI Containing MetaData? Digital Matters, The Newsletter of the Technology for the Litigator Committee, Section of Litigation, American Bar Association, Volume 2, Issue 1
May 2007	The 5th Circuit examines the exceptions to CAFA jurisdiction in Preston Consumer Financial Services Law Report, Volume II, Issue I
August 2006	CAFA Enunciates a New Burden of Proof Standard for Federal Jurisdiction Consumer Financial Services Law Report, Volume 10, Issue 15
November 2, 2005	Resorting to CAFA's Legislative History Resolves Some Ambiguity Consumer Financial Services Law Report, Volume 9, Issue 10
Fall 2005	CAFA's New "Minimal Diversity" Standard for Interstate Class

Actions Creates a Presumption that Jurisdiction Exists, with the Burden of Proof Assigned to the Party Opposing Jurisdiction

Mississippi College Law Review, 25 Miss. C. L. Rev. 7

September 2005 **CAFA Law Blog**
www.cafalawblog.com

Events

- October 12, 2017 **Update on Consumer Finance Class Actions: CAFA and Post-Spokeo Developments and Strategies**
16th Annual Consumer Finance Legal Conference
New Orleans, LA
- January 10, 2017 **ESI in Litigation: Attorney Panel**
Electronically Stored Information (ESI)/E-Discovery Intersession Course
MC Law
Jackson, MS
- July 29, 2016 **Hearsay, Email, Business Records and Social Media – in the Trenches!**
National Business Institute
Jackson, MS
- November 13, 2015 **E-Discovery for Mississippi Litigators**
Eaton Corporation E-Discovery Seminar
Jackson, MS
- August 14, 2015 **Ethics and Social Media**
2015 Mississippi Appellate Courts' CLE for Appellate Court Attorneys
Jackson, MS
- April 4, 2014 **The Use of Consultants: Attorney Panel**
MCLaw CLE eDiscovery
Jackson, MS
- July 17 and 31, 2013 **The Litigator's Guide to Technology and Social Media in Civil Lawsuits**
Barristers Educational Services
Gulfport and Jackson, Mississippi
- July 24, 2013 **Ethics and Social Media: What Attorney's Need to Know**
National Business Institute
Jackson, Mississippi
- May 21, 2013 **Everything You Don't Know About E-Discovery (But Wish You Did)**
National Business Institute seminar
Jackson, Mississippi
- July 2012 **E-Discovery Five Years Later: What We've Learned Since the Rules Changes.**
Barristers Educational Services seminar on Issues in Personal Injury Litigation
Jackson, Mississippi

- June 12, 2012 [What is Electronic Discovery Anyway?](#)
Managing Electronic Discovery and ESI, National Business Institute,
Jackson, Mississippi
- July 2010 [Getting Comfortable with E-Discovery](#)
Negotiation & Settlement Strategies & Other Practical Tips for Litigators
(Barristers Educational Services)
Jackson and Gulfport, Mississippi

News Results

- July 17, 2018 [McGlinchey Stafford Expands Into Tennessee, Opens New Nashville Office](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- January 4, 2016 [McGlinchey Stafford Elects Four New Members](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- November 13, 2014 [Six McGlinchey Stafford Lawyers Recognized by Mid-South Super Lawyers](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- January 15, 2014 [John Rouse Selected to The Mississippi Bar Leadership Forum for 2014](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- November 14, 2013 [Six McGlinchey Stafford Lawyers Recognized by Mid-South Super Lawyers](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- November 9, 2012 [McGlinchey Stafford Attorneys Selected as Mid-South Super Lawyers](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- September 19, 2011 [John Rouse and Hunter Twiford Publish Article in Executive Counsel](#)