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Biography

Paul E. Tennison is an insurance coverage and defense attorney in Nashville, Tennessee. He advises domestic and international insurers on coverage matters arising from property and commercial liability claims, and monitors claims and litigation arising from gig economy matters.

Before joining Fields Howell, Paul worked as an Associate in the Nashville office of a national law firm where he focused on a variety of insurance defense matters, including medical malpractice and legal malpractice matters, as well as general civil litigation. In addition to representing insurers and their insureds in litigation, Paul also conducted insurance coverage analysis, providing insurers with coverage advice in complex claims.

He first began his legal career with a Tennessee-based law firm, where he worked on a broad range of civil litigation matters. There, he gained experience in the areas of commercial and breach of contract law, family law, employment law, military law, and chaired several bench trials and a jury trial.

Before attending law school, Paul served on active duty in the United States Army, working in various roles while stationed in Korea and Germany. He went on to earn his Juris Doctor from Vanderbilt University School of Law. Paul is passionate about supporting his Tennessee community and fellow veterans and currently serves his community as a Board member for the Davidson County Veterans and Mental Health Court Assistance Foundation and Operation Headshot.

Education

- Vanderbilt University Law School, J.D., 2018
  - Moot Court Board

    - Elected Representative on the Honor Council
- United States Military Academy (West Point), B.S., 2010
    - Majored in Engineering Psychology
    - Member of the Color Guard

Memberships & Awards

- Super Lawyers Rising Star: 2023-2026
- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America: 2026, 2027
- Martindale-Hubbell Client Champion Gold Award: 2026
- Top 100 Lawyers in Nashville by MyNashville Magazine, 2020

Presentations and Publications

Paul has authored many blog posts on issues related to family and military law in Tennessee and presented multiple CLEs to the Nashville Bar Association on military and family law issues.

Experience / Results

Achieved Partial Summary Judgment on Punitive Damages in a complex agricultural spray drift case in Warren County, Tennessee. Successfully defended this ruling through a Brief in Opposition to Motion for Interlocutory Appeal that was successful with the Tennessee Court of Appeals in 2024.

Paul has settled more than 80% of 20+ cases in mediation over his career, showcasing his ability to manage client expectations, posture cases for effective settlement, and work with mediators to come to a resolution when such is of benefit to his client.

Admissions

STATE BARS

State Bar of Tennessee

DISTRICT COURTS

United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee

United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee

Practice Areas

- Commercial General Liability
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Defense
- Property
- Subrogation