# Todd E. Panther

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Todd Panther's practice primarily involves commercial litigation and arbitration, with a concentration in construction law. Todd has over 25 years of experience as a construction law attorney advising owners, contractors, subcontractors and suppliers on the applicability and compliance requirements of Tennessee's construction laws. He also serves as an advocate for his clients in complex litigation and arbitration involving disputes over commercial and residential construction projects. Todd's expertise includes the prosecution and defense of construction defect and warranty claims, lien claims, delay and disruption claims, and a wide variety of other complex construction disputes.

In addition to construction law, Todd's practice includes advising clients in connection with a wide variety of complex commercial disputes, including landlord-tenant, real estate brokerage, eminent domain, shareholder, and partnership disputes. He serves as an advocate for his clients in complex litigation and arbitration involving such disputes, and he has handled well over 100 arbitrations, trials (jury and non-jury), and appeals in state and federal courts. In addition to his extensive litigation and arbitration experience, Todd actively works to resolve his clients disputes without the need for litigation or arbitration, and in 2009, he was listed as a general civil mediator by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

## Education

- DePaul University School of Law, J.D.
- Washington University, B.A.

## Admissions

- Supreme Court of the United States
- Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee

## Recognition

- *Benchmark Litigation* "Litigation Star," Commercial, Construction (2026)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Construction Law (2012 – 2027), Litigation – Construction (2022 – 2027)
- *Chambers USA*, Construction (2026)
- *Legal 500*, US City Elite – Nashville, Commercial Disputes (2026)
- Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, Construction Litigation, Business Litigation (2014 – 2026)

## Publications

- Todd Panther, **To Arbitrate or Not to Arbitrate? Key Factors to Consider before a Dispute Arises**, Sherrard Roe Blog (June 4, 2020)

## Speaking Engagments

- "Introduction to Arbitration – The Great Debate: Do You Advise Your Client to Arbitrated or Litigate?," Presenter, Tennessee Bar Association Construction Law Forum (January 24, 2020)
- "Does the Statute of Limitations and Statute of Repose Apply in Arbitration?," Presenter, Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel Fall Meeting (October 9, 2020)
- Presenter on various construction law topics including:
    - Contract and Warranty Provisions (1999, 2003, 2005)
    - Effective Use of Mediation in Construction Cases (2011)

- Eminent Domain in Tennessee (2002 – 2003)
- Fundamentals of Construction Law (2004)
- Landlord-Tenant Obligations (2013)
- Open Issues with Tennessee's Retainage Law (2012)
- Strategies for Effective Contract Negotiation (2003)
- Tennessee Construction Lien and Payment Law (2001 – 2012)

## Professional Activities

- Chairman, special committee of the Tennessee Bar Association which proposed wholesale revisions to the Tennessee lien law that were enacted by the Legislature in 2007 (2002- 2008)
- Fellow, Construction Lawyers Society of America (2017)
- Fellow, Nashville Bar Foundation (1998)
- Legal counsel to Middle Tennessee State University Construction Management Advisory Board (2003)
- Member, Board of Directors, Nashville Bar Association (1999 -2001)
- Member, Construction Law Forum, American Bar Association
- Member, Construction Law Section, Tennessee Bar Association (Chairman, 2006 – 2008)
- Member, Leadership Law Program inaugural class, Tennessee Bar Association (2004)
- Member, Nashville Bar Association
- One of only nine attorneys who formed the Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel (2004)
- Vice President (2017) and President-elect (2018), Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel