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Primary Practice Areas

- Construction & Surety Law
- Insurance
- Landlord and Tenant
- Environmental

Education

- Washington & Lee University, J.D., 2002
- University of Tennessee, B.A., 1999

Bar Admissions

- Tennessee, 2002
- Kentucky, 2013
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit 2004
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee, 2005
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit 2006

Accolades

- Phi Beta Kappa
- Lead Articles Editor for the *Washington and Lee Law Review*
- Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable W. Harold Albritton III, Chief United States District Judge for the Middle District of AL – Aug. 2002 – Aug. 2003
- Judicial Law Clerk in Abingdon, VA to the late Honorable H. Emory Widener, Jr., United States Circuit Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit – Aug. 2003 – Aug. 2004
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the areas of Insurance Law and Product Liability since 2018
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the areas of Commercial Litigations, Construction Law, and Personal Injury Litigations – Defendants for 2024
- Voted a Top Attorney by his peers in *CityView* magazine in the areas of Appellate Practice, Construction Law, Environmental Law and Product Liability - Defense

Dean Howell Biography

Dean T. Howell is a member in the firm whose practice is focused primarily on construction and civil litigation. A significant part of his practice involves representing owners, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers in all aspects of construction phases, including licensing and contract drafting as well as the prosecution and defense of payment claims, delay claims, and differing site condition claims. Mr. Howell is a member of the Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel and the Associated General Contractors. He also represents clients in commercial litigation involving contract disputes, business disputes, insurance coverage, commercial and residential landlord/tenant matters, and insurance defense.

Mr. Howell was born in Morristown, Tennessee. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Tennessee in 1999 with a B.A. in history. Mr. Howell obtained his J.D., magna cum laude, from Washington and Lee University School of Law in Lexington, Virginia, in 2002. While in law school, Mr. Howell served as a Lead Articles Editor for the WASHINGTON AND LEE LAW REVIEW. He is co-author of the articles *Trace Benzene Cases in the Real World: Is a Trace Benzene Case Really a Benzene Case?* LITIGATION WATCH: BENZENE June 2005 and *Mechanism or Causation? The New Battle Over Benzene Metabolites*. LITIGATION WATCH: BENZENE May 2006. Mr. Howell has also presented seminars on construction law issues before the Knoxville Association General Contractors.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Howell served as a judicial law clerk to the Hon. W. Harold Albritton III, Chief United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama in Montgomery, Alabama, from August 2002 until August 2003. From August 2003 until August 2004, Mr. Howell served as a judicial law clerk in Abingdon, Virginia, to the late Hon. H. Emory Widener, Jr., United States Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Articles

Using Gene Expression as a Pathway to Victory in Toxic Tort Litigation. HARRISMARTIN'S LITIGATIONWATCH: BENZENE, January 2014.

Trace Benzene Cases in the Real World: Is a Trace Benzene Case Really a Benzene Case? LITIGATION WATCH: BENZENE June 2005

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