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BIOGRAPHY

Lew joined Martin, Tate, Morrow & Marston in 2003 where he is a director, shareholder, and Chair of the firm's Litigation Section. Prior to joining the firm, Lew worked extensively in land use and zoning matters as a planner with the City of Germantown Community Development Department and consultant to the Memphis and Shelby County Division of Planning and Development.

Lew practices primarily in the state and federal courts of Tennessee and Arkansas and has extensive appellate court experience. He concentrates on general civil litigation with emphases on commercial transportation defense, land use and zoning law, administrative law, premises liability, and employment issues.

Lew is an active on-call member of the firm's transportation defense practice group and part of its 24/7 Rapid Response Team. He is available to quickly respond to his transportation clients' needs with respect to serious trucking injuries, fatalities, and catastrophic losses. Lew has served as Chairperson of the American Bar Association Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee.

PRACTICE AREAS

Insurance Coverage · Land Use and Zoning · Litigation · Rapid Response Team · Transportation

EDUCATION

University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, J.D. · University of Memphis Graduate School, M.P.A. · University of Memphis, B.A.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Tennessee · Arkansas

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court · U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit · U.S. District Courts for all three Tennessee districts · U.S. District Courts for both Arkansas districts

MEMBERSHIPS

Memphis Bar Association · Tennessee Bar Association · Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation · Fellow, Memphis Bar Foundation · Graduate, Tennessee Bar Association Leadership Law · Graduate, Memphis Bar Association Leadership Forum

RECOGNITION

The Best Lawyers in America since 2021 (Insurance Law; Land Use and Zoning) · Super Lawyers Rising Stars (Land Use/Zoning, 2009; Transportation, 2011 and 2013)