



## Kathryn E. Barnett

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### EDUCATION

Davidson College, B.A. in  
Philosophy, with honors, 1989

Vanderbilt University School of  
Law, Juris Doctor, 1992

Kathryn Barnett is Senior Trial Lawyer for Morgan & Morgan. She has been taking on insurance companies and big business for more than 20 years. In 2018, Ms. Barnett represented a family at trial against a multi-billion-dollar corporation in a wrongful death case, winning a \$13.5 million jury verdict. She has obtained many other verdicts and settlements that exceed \$1 million for her clients, including a \$26 million jury verdict in a wrongful death case, and an \$8 million arbitration award for an entrepreneur wronged by their former partner. Ms. Barnett also served as lead trial counsel in two class action trials in the Multidistrict Litigation lawsuit arising from the mishandling of remains at Tri-State Crematory. These cases settled well into both trials, for combined judgments of over \$120 million. She also served as lead counsel in a class action against the Georgia Farm Bureau regarding insurance coverage, which resulted in an \$18 million settlement.

Ms. Barnett has been selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America, "Nashville's Best Lawyers," and in Thomson Reuters' Super Lawyers as a Mid-South Super-Lawyer, as one of the Top 50 Women Mid-South Super Lawyers, as one of the Top 100 Tennessee Super Lawyers, and one of the Top 50 Attorneys in Nashville for many years. Most recently, she was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the areas of plaintiffs' personal injury litigation and plaintiffs' product liability litigation.

Ms. Barnett has also been included for many years among the Nashville "Lawyers In Charge" published by the Nashville Post, the "Best of the Bar" published by the Nashville Business Journal, and the "150 Best Lawyers in Tennessee" published by Business Tennessee. Because of her experience and accomplishments, she has lectured extensively on trial, complex litigation and related topics to other lawyers and to law students. Ms. Barnett is a member of the Executive Committee of the Harry Phillips American Inn of Court, as well as a former President of the Nashville Lawyers' Association for Women, former First Vice President of the Nashville Bar Association, former Vice President of the Tennessee Association for Justice, and former Chair of the Tennessee Judicial Conference's Bench/Bar Committee. She graduated from Vanderbilt School of Law in 1992, where she achieved the highest grade in the class in Torts I and Jurisprudence. She graduated from Davidson College, with Honors, in 1989.

### BAR ADMISSION



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- U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th 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

### MEMBERSHIPS

- Harry Phillips American Inn of Courts – Executive Committee, 2004-2023; Member, 1997-1999, 2004-2013
- Nashville Bar Association – First Vice President, 2007; Board Member, 2005-2008
- Nashville Bar Foundation
- Nashville Lawyer's Association for Women – President, 2004-2005; President-elect, 2004; Director, 2002-2003; Treasurer, 2000-2002; Nominating Committee, 2007; Board Member, 1998-2005
- Tennessee Association for Justice – Vice President for the Middle Section, 2011; Treasurer, 2010; Executive Committee, 2008-2009; Secretary, 2007-2009; Chair, Continuing Education Committee, 2004-2006; Board of Governors, 2002-2009
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Tennessee Justice Center, Inc. – Board of Directors, 2002-2005; Secretary-Treasurer, 2003-2004
- Tennessee Judicial Conference – Bench/Bar Committee Chair, 2009-2010
- Tennessee Metropolitan Board of Equalization – Davidson County, 2000-2004
- Tennessee Supreme Court Advisory Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2019- present

### PRACTICE AREAS

- Defective Product Lawyer
- Personal Injury Lawyer
- Class Action Attorney



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### RESULTS

- Private Settlement, Car Accident (2018), \$540,000
- Henry May Jr. v. Steak 'n Shake, Inc., Personal Injury (2019), \$400,000
- Brown v. R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Product Liability (2018), \$13,500,000

### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Best Lawyers in America – “Nashville’s Best Lawyers,” 2010-2023
- Best Lawyers in America - Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs’
- Best Lawyers in America - Nashville Product Liability Litigation Plaintiffs’ “Lawyer of the Year,” 2015 and 2017
- Top 50: Nashville Super Lawyers: 2012-2013, 2015-2016, 2022-2023
- Top 100: Tennessee Super Lawyers: 2010-2013, 2015-2016, 2022-2023
- Top 50: Women Mid-South Super Lawyers: 2011-2016, 2021-2023
- Nashville Post – “Nashville Lawyers in Charge,” 2010-Present
- Nashville Business Journal – “Best of the Bar,” 2003, 2005-2010, 2013-2018
- Business Tennessee – “150 Best Lawyers in Tennessee,” 2006-2009
- Vanderbilt Law School Adjunct Professor of Law, 2020-2021