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Ronald S. Range Jr. is a litigation attorney, counseling and defending clients in product liability and casualty, employment, commercial and civil rights litigation matters.

A shareholder in the Firm's Johnson city office, Mr. Range also has extensive experience in general civil and appellate matters, along with antitrust litigation and white collar criminal defense.

Representative Matters

- Served as Tennessee counsel for an international drug manufacturer in numerous opioid cases as part of nationwide litigation. These cases, filed by state and local governments, sought to recover billions spent on the opioid crisis. Plaintiffs included the State of Tennessee, over half of its counties, numerous cities and towns, and classes including babies allegedly born addicted to opioids. The cases alleged various state law theories, including nuisance, negligence, and violations of the Tennessee Drug Dealer Liability Act and consumer protection laws. Some cases were dismissed, others settled, and the remaining were discharged in the client's bankruptcy.
- Represented an international medical device manufacturer as Tennessee counsel in a suit alleging that pedicle screws used in the plaintiff's back surgery were defective and unreasonably dangerous, which caused them to break several months after surgery and severely injure the plaintiff. The suit was dismissed with leave to amend in response to a motion to dismiss, but was never refiled.
- Represented a national consumer products manufacturer in connection with a product liability suit alleging that a defective and unreasonably dangerous sleeper caused the death of the plaintiff's infant. The case alleged various legal theories including negligence, strict liability, and failure to warn. After the parties engaged in written discovery, the plaintiff voluntarily dismissed the suit and has not refiled it.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Commercial Litigation (2021 – 2023)
- Listed in *Mid-South Super Lawyers* in Employment Litigation: Defense and General Litigation (2012 – 2014)
- Member – American, Tennessee and Washington County Bar Associations
- Law Clerk to Hon. H. Emory Widener Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1989 – 1990)
- Hearing Committee Member – Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court
- Office Managing Shareholder (2004 – 2012)

Education

- Washington and Lee University, J.D., 1989, summa cum laude
- East Tennessee State University, B.S., 1985

Admissions

- Tennessee, 1989