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Kenny Saffles concentrates his practice litigating in the areas of commercial litigation, products liability, transportation, premises liability, medical malpractice, and insurance defense.

Mr. Saffles has litigated cases in state and federal court and in arbitration, has tried jury and non-jury cases, and has briefed and argued appeals in the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and in the Tennessee Court of Appeals. He has represented retailers, financial institutions, mortgage servicers, manufacturers, hospitals, nursing homes, professionals, amusements, insurance companies, trucking companies, and other businesses in a wide variety of cases. His experience includes defending lawsuits alleging products liability, including toxic exposure to asbestos and styrene, premises liability, medical and legal malpractice, and negligence. He has also worked with clients in cases involving fraud, malicious prosecution, consumer protection violations, constitutional violations, employment discrimination, bad faith, failure to procure insurance, wrongful foreclosure, and breach of contract, among other matters.

Mr. Saffles previously worked with Baker Donelson from 2006 to 2014 before joining the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Civil Division, where he also functioned as the division's Senior Litigation Counsel and Coordinator for civil rights investigations. He served as an Assistant United States Attorney for more than seven years before rejoining the firm in 2022.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Certificate of Commendation from the United States Department of Justice for outstanding performance and assistance in support of the Civil Rights Division (2017)
- Voted a Top Attorney by his peers in *CityView* magazine (2010, 2011)
- Served as a Judicial Extern for the Honorable Arthur Nakazato of the United States District Court for the Central District of California (2002)
- Served as Judicial Extern for the Honorable Alex Kozinski of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2002)

Speaking Engagements

- "Some Differences in Litigating Civil Cases Against the United States," Tennessee Bar Association (July 2017)
- "Tips for Litigating Civil Cases Against the United States and Its Agencies," Knoxville Bar Association (May 2016)
- "Deposition Preparation," International Association of Marine Investigators (March 2016)

Education

- Chapman University School of Law, J.D., 2004, summa cum laude
 - Honor Scholar Award, 2004
 - Articles Editor – *Chapman Law Review*
 - Competitions Chair – Appellate Moot Court Honor Board
 - Golden Gavel Award for Best Oral Advocate, 2002
- Maryville College, B.A., 1999, cum laude

– T.T. Alexander Award for Writing, 1999



Admissions

- Tennessee, 2004
- Kentucky, 2024
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, 2005
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2005
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, 2008
- United States Supreme Court, 2008
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2013
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2013
- United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, 2014