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Alex represents businesses and individuals in complex civil litigation. His practice spans a range of subject areas, including commercial disputes, constitutional law, and statutory interpretation. He specializes in appellate work and has successfully represented clients in the U.S. Supreme Court and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Alex previously worked in the Tennessee Solicitor General's Office, where he practiced appellate litigation at all levels of the federal and state appellate courts. Among other wins, he persuaded the U.S. Supreme Court to summarily reverse a Sixth Circuit decision and convinced the Sixth Circuit to grant a rare initial hearing en banc in which his clients prevailed. In addition to writing briefs and presenting oral arguments, Alex advised state officials on significant legal matters.

Alex was a law clerk for Chief Judge William H. Pryor Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and Judge R. David Proctor of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. He graduated Order of the Coif from Vanderbilt Law School, where he was Editor in Chief of the Vanderbilt Law Review. He is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Carson-Newman University, where he majored in biochemistry, religion, and philosophy.

Education

- J.D., Vanderbilt Law School, 2018
- B.S. and B.A., *summa cum laude*, Carson-Newman University, 2015
- Tutorial in British Baptist History, Oxford University, Regent's Park College, 2014

Bar Admissions

- Tennessee
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee

Practice Areas

- Appellate Practice
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Business & Commercial Litigation

Honors

- Best Lawyers in America "One to Watch" 2023-Present (Appellate Practice and Commercial Litigation)
- *Editor in Chief*, Vanderbilt Law Review
- *Order of the Coif*, Vanderbilt Law School
- *Myron Penn Laughlin Note Award*, Vanderbilt Law School
- *Lightfoot Franklin & White Best Oral Advocate Award*, Vanderbilt Law School
- Note, *Rethinking Conspiracy Jurisdiction in Light of Stream of Commerce and Effects-Based Jurisdictional Principles*, 71 VAND. L. REV. 1333 (2018).
- Symposium Introduction, *The Least Understood Branch: The Demands and Challenges of the State Judiciary*, 70 VAND. L. REV. 1701 (2017) (with Susanna Rychlak).

Professional & Civic Activities

- Appellate Practice Committee Chair, Nashville Bar Association
- Legal Advisory Board, The Beacon Center of Tennessee
- CLE Presenter, SCOTUS Update (Nashville Bar Association Government Practice & Professionalism Institute, December 11, 2020)
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Nashville Bar Association
- The Federalist Society, Nashville Lawyers Chapter
- Christian Legal Society, Nashville Chapter
- Parks Church, PCA