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PRACTICE AREAS

- Medical Malpractice
- Nursing Home Neglect
- Personal Injury Litigation
- White Collar & Government Investigations
- Commercial & Business Litigation



ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- Tennessee, 2020
- United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, 2020
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2020
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, 2023

EDUCATION

- The University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law (J.D., 2019) magna cum laude
- Rhodes College (B.A., 2013) cum laude

Mathew Jehl practices in the areas of medical malpractice, nursing home neglect and abuse, personal injury litigation, commercial litigation, trust litigation, and white collar criminal defense.

He has successfully tried multiple jury and bench trials across Tennessee in both state and federal court. He has taken and defended hundreds of depositions. And he has briefed and argued appeals before the Tennessee Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

A native Memphian, Mathew graduated from Rhodes College with honors. He attended and graduated with honors from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. Prior to joining Burch, Porter & Johnson, Mathew served as a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Bernice B. Donald, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Medical Malpractice and Nursing Home Abuse and Neglect

- In 2021, Mr. Jehl, Les Jones, and Todd Rose secured a judgment in a wrongful death case involving a fall at a hospital in West Tennessee in *Fitzhugh v. Henry County Medical Center*.
- In 2021, Mr. Jehl, Les Jones, and Todd Rose represented a client who was dropped from a Hoyer Lift at a dialysis clinic in *Page v. Dialysis Clinic, Inc.* At trial, Mr. Jehl cross-examined key witnesses and delivered the closing argument to the jury, who ultimately returned a six-figure verdict.
- In 2022, Mr. Jehl, Les Jones, and Todd Rose successfully represented a client whose husband had fallen and died at hospital in West Tennessee in *Altoonian v. Henry County Medical Center*. At trial, he helped secure a six-figure Judgment for his client.
- In 2022, Mr. Jehl and Les Jones settled multiple cases against hospitals, nursing homes, and doctors, including a \$900,000 settlement against a physician and hospital in West Tennessee.
- In 2023, Mr. Jehl and Les Jones settled multiple cases against hospitals, nursing homes, nurse practitioners, and physicians, including \$250,000, \$250,000, \$300,000, \$350,000, and \$350,000 settlements against hospitals in West Tennessee.
- In 2024, Mr. Jehl and Les Jones settled multiple wrongful death cases against hospitals, nursing homes, physicians, and nurse practitioners across Tennessee, including a \$910,000 settlement in a wrongful death case against a physician and hospital in West Tennessee.

White Collar Criminal Defense

- In 2021, Mr. Jehl and Larry Laurenzi secured a pretrial dismissal of the indictment for his client in *United States v. Robinson, Ayers, & Boudreaux*.
- In 2021, Mr. Jehl and Larry Laurenzi defended against a 48-count federal criminal indictment involving over \$600,000 in alleged fraud and theft in *United States v. Katrina Robinson*. Ultimately, 46 of the 48 counts were dismissed or acquitted. At trial, Mr. Jehl cross examined key witnesses, including multiple federal agents. Their client received probation.
- In 2022 and 2023, Mr. Jehl briefed and argued the appeal on the remaining counts in *United States v. Robinson* at the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.
- In 2023, Mr. Jehl served as lead defense counsel in a federal criminal fraud trial in *United States v. Vallier*. Mr. Jehl got multiple counts from the indictment dismissed prior to trial. At trial, Mr. Jehl conducted voir dire, delivered the closing argument, and cross examined all the key witnesses, including the program expert and federal case agent. The jury acquitted his client on all the fraud counts. His client received probation and no fine on the remaining counts.
- In 2024, Mr. Jehl briefed the appeal on the remaining counts in *United States v. Vallier* before the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Other Litigation Matters

- In 2020, Mr. Jehl, Larry Laurenzi, and Nathan Bicks secured a judgment with a value of more than \$4 million in *Sheriff of Madison County v. Madison County*. After trial, Mr. Jehl also drafted a motion that ultimately convinced the Court to order Madison County to pay our client's legal fees incurred in bringing the suit.
- In 2021, Mr. Jehl secured a dismissal for his client who was improperly named as a defendant in a personal injury action in Shelby County.
- In 2023, Mr. Jehl and Jef Feibelman secured summary judgment for an estate and a trust in a multi-millionaire dollar breach of contract action in Shelby County Circuit Court in *Dunavant v. Dunavant Trust, et al.*
- In 2024, Mr. Jehl briefed, argued, and won the appeal in *Dunavant v. Dunavant Trust, et al.*, at the Tennessee Court of Appeals.
- In 2024, Mr. Jehl successfully defended a trustee at trial against allegations of bad faith by her siblings in trust litigation in Shelby County Chancery Court.

PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

- Leo Bearman, Sr. Inn of Court, Associate (2024, 2023)
- Named in Best Lawyers "Ones to Watch" (2025, 2024, 2023)
- Law Clerk to the Honorable Bernice B. Donald, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (2019–2020)
- CALI Awards (highest grade): Civil Rights, Contracts I, Contracts II, Criminal Law, Elder Law, Evidence, Property II, and Torts I
- University of Memphis Law Review, Volume 48 Staff Member, Volume 49 Senior Staff Member
- Dean's Awards for Excellence, Best Oral Advocate and Best Brief
- Rhodes College Hall of Fame, Inductee
- Abe Fortas Award for Excellence in Legal Studies, Recipient
- American Mock Trial Association, W. Ward Reynoldson Award Winner
- American Mock Trial Association, All-American Attorney and National Championship Tournament Runner-Up

Publications and Presentations of Note

- Comment, *Clear Error or De Novo—State v. Whited: Did the Court Inadvertently Introduce a New Appellate Standard of Review in Tennessee in its Opinion in a Child Pornography Case?*, 48 U. Mem. L. Rev. 719 (2018)
- Note, *Amending Tennessee's Incapacity Statute: It "May Not Be a Sexy Story, But It's One, Frankly, That . . . Will Help People,"* 49 U. Mem. L. Rev. 575 (2019)