

## Chase Fann

Partner

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## Overview

**Chase Fann is a partner in the firm's Nashville Office, where he represents individual and business clients in civil and criminal litigation. Chase is a passionate litigator with diverse experience across a variety of practice areas in both civil and criminal law. He has represented clients in both state and federal courts at the trial and appellate level in contract disputes, partnership disputes, employment claims (including discrimination, retaliation, and FLSA), entertainment matters, state criminal defense, and white-collar criminal defense. Chase leverages this depth of knowledge and broad exposure across practice areas to serve as practical and effective counsel for a diverse variety of clients.**

As a litigator, Chase regularly appears in state and federal civil and criminal courts, and has obtained successful outcomes for his clients in both forums through jury trials and dispositive motions. Clients also utilize Chase's skillset by employing him during difficult situations for his advice on potential legal implications and mitigating risk while achieving their goals. Chase is a trusted asset who delivers practical and efficient solutions to clients as they navigate existing and future legal issues.

Chase completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Tennessee before earning his Juris Doctor from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis, where he finished ranked second in his class and received awards for earning the best grade in 10 courses. Prior to entering private practice, he served as an extern for the Hon. John T. Fowlkes, Jr. in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee and an intern for the Davidson County District Attorney General's Office and the Hon. Julia S. Gibbons in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Prior to joining Spencer Fane, Chase practiced with his family's boutique litigation firm, Waldron Fann & Parsley, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

## Education

- University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, 2018 (J.D.), *magna cum laude*
- University of Tennessee, 2015 (B.A.), *summa cum laude*

## Bar Admissions

- Tennessee, 2018

## Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, 2022
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2019
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, 2019
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, 2019

## Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Ones to Watch, 2024–2026
- *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars, 2023–2024

## Memberships

- Southern States Police Benevolent Association, Panel Attorney
- Child Advocacy Center of Rutherford County, Board Member
- Nashville Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Rutherford & Cannon County Bar Association
- The Andrew Jackson American Inn of Court

## Related Experience

- Acts as an outsourced general counsel for select businesses, leveraging firm resources to provide ongoing tailored legal support for companies without an in-house legal department.
- Represented high-profile clients in sensitive criminal matters, providing strategic counsel and litigation strategies.
- Successfully prosecuted an international defendant for infringing on a local business's trademark in the U.S.
- Actively represents nationwide commercial landlords in pre-litigation advising and litigation related to tenants of mixed-use facilities.
- Negotiated brand partnership agreements between companies and creatives, including local country music artists and social media influencers.
- Defended businesses and executives in employment disputes, including wrongful termination, discrimination, and FLSA allegations.
- Represented key witnesses in civil and criminal interviews, investigations, administrative hearings, and court proceedings.
- Represented corporations and executives in business disputes involving fraud, misrepresentation, employment agreements (including non-competes, non-solicits, and NDAs).
- Represented a local business before a state regulatory board for alleged violations that resulted in outright dismissals without disciplinary action or impact on licensure.
- Defended clients against a variety of felony and misdemeanor criminal charges, including DUI, drug offenses, robberies, burglaries, theft, assault, and others.
- Successfully reversed a trial court's ruling on the interpretation of a will so that his clients could be included in a decedent's six-figure estate.

- Quickly won a motion to dismiss for a local nonprofit in defending against a civil complaint in federal court that alleged constitutional violations by its staff.