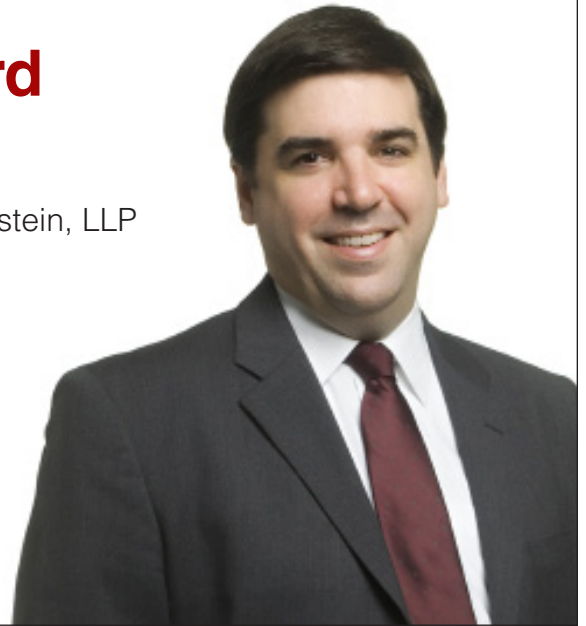


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A Relentless, Principled Advocate

A partner based in our Nashville office, Kenneth S. Byrd is an experienced trial attorney at Lieff Cabraser. Kenny represents clients in mass tort cases, defective product cases and consumer fraud litigation. He represents consumers in consumer class action cases as well as injured individuals and their loved ones in personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits filed in across the country in state and federal courts. Kenny is also a member of Lieff Cabraser's False Claim Act/Fraud on the Government practice group, assisting whistleblowers to stop fraud and the misuse of funds in government contracts and programs.

Kenny is currently a leader in groundbreaking national litigation filed on behalf of Tennessee governments and taxpayers, among many others, against opioid manufacturers and distributors in the wake of the ongoing national opioids crisis.

In 2019, Judge M. Casey Rodgers of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida appointed Kenny to the Early Vetting Committee in the nationwide product defect lawsuit against 3M relating to allegations that for over a decade, 3M provided defective earplugs to men and women in the U.S. military.

Over the past several years, Kenny has represented the families of deceased smokers in trials in Florida federal court against the tobacco companies for their 50-year conspiracy of misrepresenting the dangers of smoking cigarettes and for intentionally engineering the design of cigarettes to make them more addictive.

In 2013 and 2014, Kenny was the lead trial attorney in obtaining several substantial jury verdicts for smokers and their families, including a \$27 million jury verdict and a \$41 million jury verdict. These verdicts were ranked by The National Law Journal as among the Top 100 Verdicts of 2014. His verdicts paved the way to a \$100 million global settlement with Big Tobacco in 2015 on behalf of hundreds of gravely injured smokers in Florida.

In 2015, Kenny received the Tennessee Association for Justice's 2015 Paladin Award for his successful litigation against cigarette manufacturers. The Paladin Award is TAJ's highest honor and is given to the state's top trial lawyer of the year.

Kenny serves on the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Trial Lawyers' Association. Prior to joining Lief Cabraser, Kenny practiced as a litigation attorney at Harwell, Howard, Hyne, Gabbert & Manner, PC. He also worked as a reporter in Washington D.C., covering church-state and religious liberty matters at the White House, U.S. Supreme Court and Congress. Covering politicians as a reporter, he learned how to smell out lies and deception and uncover truth.

Areas of Practice

Consumer Protection, Defective Products

Education

Boston College Law School, Boston, Massachusetts
J.D. (Cum Laude) - 2004

Samford University
B.S. - 1995
Honors: Cum Laude
Major: Mathematics
Minor: Journalism

Bar Admissions

Tennessee, 2004
U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit, 2009
U.S. District Court Eastern District of Tennessee, 2006
U.S. District Court Middle District of Tennessee, 2005
U.S. District Court Western District of Tennessee, 2007

Published Works

Co-author, American Bar Association, Survey of Federal Circuit Court's Class Action Decisions - 2018

Professional Associations and Memberships

American Bar Association
American Constitution Society, Nashville Chapter (Member; Chair of 2008 Supreme Court Preview Event)
Camp Ridgecrest Alumni & Friends (Board Member)
Harry Phillips American Inn of Court, Nashville Chapter (Associate Member, 2008 - 2010; Barrister, 2010 - 2014)
Historic Edgefield, Inc. (President, 2009 - 2011)

Nashville Bar Association
Tennessee Bar Association
Tennessee Trial Lawyers Board of Directors
Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association (Board of Governors)

Awards and Media

Selected for inclusion by peers in The Best Lawyers in America in fields of Consumer Protection Law, Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs, and Product Liability Litigation-Plaintiffs, 2018 - 2021

“Outstanding Private Practice Antitrust Achievement,” American Antitrust Institute, 2020

Media interview, “Full Measure Talks to Kenny Byrd About the “Forgotten” Tobacco War,” 2019

Adjunct faculty, Vanderbilt Law School, “The Practice of Aggregate Litigation,” 2018-present.

Media interview, “Kenneth Byrd in Nashville Scene on Big Tobacco Sponsorship of Schools,” 2017

Media interview, “The Big Drag,” Cover story highlighting Kenny Byrd and national impact of tobacco litigation, Nashville Scene, 2015

“Paladin Award,” Tennessee Association for Justice, 2015

“Rising Star for Mid-South,” *Super Lawyers*, 2014