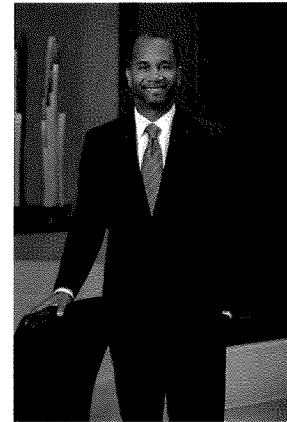


# **Exhibit A**

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**Edward L. Stanton III**  
**Butler Snow LLP**



Edward L. Stanton, III, is a Partner with Butler Snow LLP and Practice Group Leader of the firm's Commercial Litigation Practice Group. His practice focuses primarily on government investigations, audits and relations; civil fraud cases; commercial litigation; and civil rights matters. Stanton has extensive civil and criminal litigation experience in trial and appellate courts throughout the country.

In August 2010, Stanton was confirmed by the Senate as the 49<sup>th</sup> United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee. After being sworn-in as United States Attorney, one of his first acts was to form a dedicated Civil Rights Unit. Stanton launched the unit with community and law enforcement leaders in February 2011 at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis. After its formation, the unit was highly successful with prosecuting public corruption, color of law, hate crimes, fair housing, damage to religious property and other civil rights related cases. The unit had also been a leader and nationally recognized in the area of sex trafficking prosecutions. The Western District of Tennessee was one of the first districts to be chosen as a Phase I Pilot District for the Anti-Trafficking Coordination Team (ACTeam) program, in which the United States Attorney's Office worked in conjunction with the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Labor to identify, investigate, and prosecute human trafficking crimes.

Stanton worked closely with law enforcement officials to form a Multi-Agency Gang Unit in 2012, in an effort to address the significant uptick in gang activity and associated violent crime within the District, particularly in Memphis and Shelby County, Tennessee. Stanton was a member of the inaugural board of this organization, which also included the following agency heads in the District: the Shelby County District Attorney General's Office; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Shelby County Sheriff's Office; and the City of Memphis Police Department. Working collaboratively across federal, state and local law enforcement lines, the Multi-Agency Gang Unit was highly successful in reducing violent crimes and gang activity throughout some of the worst neighborhoods in Memphis and Shelby County. The unit also frequently engaged the community through outreach forums and implemented prevention strategies, targeting middle-school students.

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As United States Attorney, Stanton placed a significant interest in community outreach and took as many opportunities as possible to speak to law enforcement personnel, community leaders, members of the religious and non-profit communities, students and inmates – through the federal reentry and drug court programs. He used those opportunities to share the priorities of his office and to listen to and address concerns from a broad segment of members of the community. He also created and launched a quarterly publication of the office, “On the Record,” which was distributed to over 1,500 citizens in the District, providing updates on the operations and significant matters within the United States Attorney’s Office. This publication was also displayed on the District’s website.

Stanton is a lifelong Memphian and graduate of Central High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of Memphis.

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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March 2017 – Present

**Butler Snow**  
*Partner/Attorney*

Handle broad range of cases in federal and state courts throughout country and advise various business units of corporate enterprise on litigation related issues. Cases typically involve civil, white collar and commercial matters including class actions, governmental inquiries, employment related matters, immigration, transportation and business disputes.

August 2010 – February 2017

**United States Department of Justice**  
*United States Attorney, Western District of Tennessee*

Presidentially-appointed, Senate-confirmed United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, serving as chief federal law enforcement officer for a Judicial District of over 1.5 million people, and charged with representing the United States in Criminal, Civil and Tax litigation matters. Supervise staff of nearly 100 employees, including Assistant United States Attorneys, paralegals, contract employees and support staff. Served as co-lead counsel in civil rights and capital murder prosecutions both resulting in convictions with life sentences.

December 2002 – August 2010

**Federal Express Corporation**  
*Senior Counsel, Litigation*

Handled broad range of cases in federal and state courts throughout country and advised various business units of corporate enterprise on litigation related issues. Lead counsel in jury and non-jury trials and responsible for all phases of litigation, from inception of case through trial, including briefing, discovery, preparing and arguing motions and post-trial appellate work. Cases typically involved civil and commercial matters including class actions, governmental inquiries and subpoenas, employment related matters, transportation law, environmental issues, real estate and business disputes.

September 2001 – December 2002

**Armstrong Allen**  
*Associate Attorney*

Handled complex civil and commercial litigation including product liability, health care, employment law and personal injury. Practice also encompassed estate planning and representation of clients with respect to claims involving business and contractual disputes, information technology contracts and transportation matters. Lead counsel in federal and state court cases in Tennessee.

May 2000 – September 2001

**City of Memphis - Law Division**  
*Assistant City Attorney*

Represented the City of Memphis in general defense litigation including Governmental Tort Liability Act cases. Responsibilities included internal investigations, preparing pleadings, conducting depositions, arguing motions, defending City's legal interests at trial and related tasks associated with municipal civil defense. Represented the City at appellate levels in employment related cases including Civil Service Commission administrative hearings, Drug Free Work Place enforcement appeals and in the City Prosecutor's Office.

August 1997 – May 2000

**Law Offices of Charles E. Carpenter**  
*Associate Attorney*

Represented individuals, partnerships, corporations and municipal clients in a wide range of legal matters including personal injury, estate planning, entertainment law, worker's compensation, criminal, landlord-tenant, and business litigation. Served as lead counsel in jury and non-jury trials throughout state courts in Tennessee.

## **EDUCATION**

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University of Memphis School of Law  
*Juris Doctor, May 1997*

Activities: Associate Justice, Moot Court Board  
Vice-President, Student Bar Association  
Commencement Speaker

University of Memphis  
*Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, August 1994*

## **ORGANIZATIONS, AFFILIATIONS AND AWARDS**

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- National Bar Association – Former President of Ben F. Jones Chapter (2004-2005)
- Tennessee Bar Association – Former Board of Governors Member (2004-2006)
- Memphis Bar Association – Former Board Member (2002)
- Fellow, Memphis and Shelby County Bar Foundation
- Former President of Memphis Bar Association – Young Lawyers Division (2002)
- Former Chairman, Knowledge Quest, Inc. (non-profit organization servicing at-risk youth)
- Former Chairman, Shelby County Books from Birth-Imagination Library Board
- Former Barrister, Leo Bearman, Sr. Chapter of the American Inns of Court
- Former Member, Tennessee Bar Association Judicial Campaign Conduct Committee
- Former Board Member, University of Memphis School of Law Alumni Board
- Former Disciplinary Hearing Officer for the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility
- 2005 Recipient of Memphis Bar Association's *Sam A. Myar, Jr. Award* (This award is the highest honor the Memphis Bar Association bestows annually upon a lawyer under the age of 40 for outstanding legal and community service.)
- 2005 Recipient of Memphis Business Journal's *Top 40 Under 40 Award*