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Ed served as United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee from 2010 to 2017. Prior to his presidential appointment, he was senior counsel for a Fortune 500 Company and previously served as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Memphis.

PRACTICE AREAS AND INDUSTRY TEAMS

- White Collar, Compliance and Government Investigations
- Commercial Litigation
- Government Relations
- Civil Rights

EXPERIENCE

- Extensive civil and criminal litigation experience in both trial and appellate courts throughout the country.
- Presidentially appointed U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee from 2010 to 2017, managing an office of approximately 100 attorneys and support staff in Memphis and Jackson, Tennessee.
 - Oversaw the investigation and litigation of major criminal and civil cases, including violent crime, financial and health care fraud, racketeering, international drug trafficking, terrorism, child exploitation, cybercrime, employment discrimination, False Claims and Federal Tort Claims Act matters.
 - Launched a number of highly successful initiatives including the formation of a dedicated Civil Rights Unit. This unit earned national acclaim for prosecuting individuals who committed federal civil rights crimes including sex trafficking, public corruption, excessive force, official misconduct, hate crimes, predatory lending, unfair housing and Americans with Disabilities Act violations.
- Senior Litigation Counsel for Federal Express Corporation from 2002 to 2010, serving as lead trial and corporate counsel on complex business and litigation matters including governmental investigations, class action, labor and employment, trademark infringement, transportation law and environmental matters throughout the country.

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- Two decades of governmental and litigation experience include tenure as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Memphis and practice with two private law firms.
- Led independent investigations for multiple Fortune 500 companies concerning violations of corporate policies by senior officers.
- Lead counsel in multiple independent investigations for one of the nation's largest public school systems concerning athletic compliance issues, allegations of systematic grade changing scheme, fiscal improprieties and employment related claims.
- Representing senior executive for German automaker in relation to Department of Justice investigation regarding potential claims of criminal and civil fraud and environmental violations.
- Lead counsel for multiple high level internal and external investigations, including Department of Justice and New York Attorney General's Office, while serving as Senior Counsel for FedEx.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Tennessee, 1997
- U.S. District Courts
 - Tennessee: Western District
 - Mississippi: Northern District
 - Texas: Northern District
- U.S. Court of Appeals
 - 5th Circuit
 - 6th Circuit

DISTINCTIONS

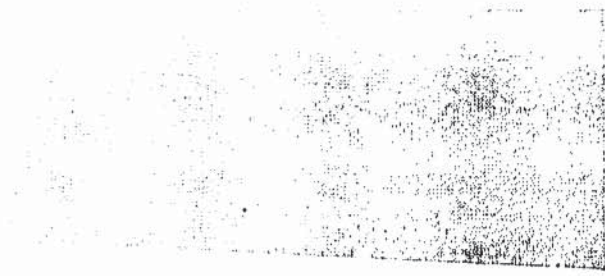
- *Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Commercial Litigation, 2019
- *Best of the Bar in Public Service Award*, Memphis Business Journal, 2017
- *Trailblazer Award*, Christian Brothers University, 2017
- *Leader Award*, The New Tri-State Defender, 2017
- *A.A. Latting Award*, National Bar Association, 2016
- *Who's Who*, Memphis Magazine, 2011 – 2016
- *Achievers Award*, Young Men's Christian Association, 2016
- *Champion of Justice Award*, Olivet Fellowship Church, 2015
- *Community Leader Award*, Alpha Memphis, 2010
- *Outstanding Alumnus Award*, University of Memphis, Arts and Sciences Chapter, 2010
- *Memphis/Shelby County Achievers Award*, Memphis Silver Star News, 2009
- *Sam A. Myar, Jr. Award*, Memphis Bar Association, 2005
- *Top 40 Under 40*, Memphis Business Journal, 2005

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ASSOCIATIONS

- National Association of Former United States Attorneys (NAFUSA)
- National Bar Association
 - Former President, Ben F. Jones Chapter, 2004-2005
- Tennessee Bar Association
 - Former Board of Governors Member, 2004-2006
- Memphis Bar Association
 - Former President – Young Lawyers Division, 2002
 - Former Board Member, 2002
- American Bar Association
- American Bar Foundation
 - Fellow
- Tennessee Bar Foundation
 - Fellow
- Leo Bearman, Sr. American Inn of Court
 - Master
- Federal Bar Association
- Attorney General Advisory Committee, Racial Disparities Working Group
 - Former Chairman
- Attorney General Advisory Committee, Civil Rights Subcommittee
 - Former Member
- Attorney General Advisory Committee, Violent and Organized Crime Subcommittee
 - Former Member
- Multi-Agency Gang Unit
 - Former Board Member
- Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
 - Former Board Member
- University of Memphis Law School, Dean's Advisory Board
 - Board Member
- Memphis Shelby County Crime Commission
 - Board Member
- Downtown Memphis Commission
 - Former Board Member and Secretary
- Knowledge Quest, Inc.
 - Former Chairman
- Memphis and Shelby County Bar Foundation
 - Fellow
- Tennessee Bar Association Judicial Campaign Conduct Committee
 - Former Member
- NAACP, Memphis Branch
 - Former Board Member
- University of Memphis School of Law Alumni Board
 - Former Board Member
- Memphis Urban Arts Commission
 - Former Board Member
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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- Member

EDUCATION & HONORS

- University of Memphis School of Law, J.D., 1997
 - Moot Court Board
 - Associate Justice
 - Black Law Students Association
 - President
 - Student Bar Association
 - Vice-President
 - Dean's Outstanding Service Award, 1997
 - Graduating Class Commencement Speaker, 1997
- University of Memphis, B.A., Political Science, 1994

PAPERS, PRESENTATION AND PUBLICATIONS

- Keynote Speaker, University of Mississippi School of Law, Speakers' Series – Oxford, MS, November 2017.
- Panel Member, American Bar Association, Criminal Justice White Collar Section, *Civil and Criminal Investigations Update* – Nashville, TN, November 2017.
- Keynote Speaker, FBI Citizens Academy Graduation – Memphis, TN, November 2017.
- Keynote Speaker, Knoxville Bar Association's Annual Diversity CLE, October 2017.
- Moderator, Federal Judges Panel, 2017 Memphis/Mid-South Chapter of the Federal Bar Association Annual CLE Meeting – October 2017.
- Keynote Speaker, Tennessee Bar Association Leadership Law Class – Memphis, TN, March 2017.
- Author, *Working Together, A Message from the United States Attorney*, On The Record, Winter 2016.
- Panel Member, *Healthcare Fraud Enforcement: A View from the U.S. Attorneys* – Nashville, TN, December 2016.
- Speaker, *Next Generation, A Message from the United States Attorney*, On The Record, October 2016.
- Author, *After Prison, Legal System is Invested in Helping Ex-Offenders Avoid a Return*, The Commercial Appeal, December 28, 2015.

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- Author, *"A New Start, A Message from the United States Attorney,"* On The Record, December 2015.
- Author, *"Combating Violence, A Message from the United States Attorney,"* On The Record, Summer 2015.
- Author, *"Constitution in the Classroom, A Message from the United States Attorney,"* On The Record, Fall 2014.
- Author, *"Leading with Grit and Grind, A Message from the United States Attorney,"* On The Record, Spring 2014.
- Author, *"Making the Case, A Message from the United States Attorney,"* On The Record, Winter 2014.
- Author, *"Leading the Next Generation, A Message from the United States Attorney,"* On The Record, Fall 2013.
- Author, *"Plan Gets 'Smart on Crime' in West Tennessee,"* The Jackson Sun, September 22, 2013.
- Author, *"Project Synergy Targets Synthetic Drugs,"* The Commercial Appeal, July 20, 2013.
- Author, *"Remembering the Fallen, A Message from the United States Attorney,"* On The Record, May 2013.
- Author, *"Program Hits Hard with U.S. Gun Laws,"* The Commercial Appeal, March 27, 2013.
- Author, *"Outreach and Enforcement, A Message from the United States Attorney,"* On The Record, February 2013.
- Author, *"Prescription Drug Abuse Rising as Epidemic,"* The Commercial Appeal, October 28, 2012.
- Author, *"Scourge of Modern-Day Slavery Is Here,"* The Commercial Appeal, December 2, 2011.
- Author, *"Vigilance Remains Beacon of Terrorism Fight,"* The Commercial Appeal, September 11, 2011.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Shelby County Books from Birth-Imagination Library Board
 - Former Chairman
- Memphis Area Neighborhood Watch, Inc.

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- Former Board Member
- Volunteer Tennessee Board (Appointed by Gov. Phil Bredesen)
 - Former Board Member
- Brown Missionary Baptist Church
 - Member