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Beau focuses his practice on complex business litigation, representing both Plaintiffs and Defendants across a wide variety of subject matters, including contractual disputes, fiduciary duty issues, and unfair competition claims. He also has experience with trademark and copyright litigation.

PRACTICE AREAS AND INDUSTRY TEAMS

- Commercial Litigation
- Business Torts and Unfair Competition
- Data Security and Privacy
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Litigation

EXPERIENCE

- Obtained \$22.2 million jury verdict in federal jury trial on behalf of largest dental practice in Middle Tennessee against national dental insurance company related to constitutional violations of the First Amendment. *Snodgrass-King Pediatric Dental Associations, P.C. et al. v. Dentaquest USA Insurance Co., Inc.*, United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee (2016).
- Obtained \$748,769.21 in sanctions and damages against attorneys who disseminated major construction company client's confidential documents to third parties in violation of Court Orders. In addition to the sanctions, the Court held the opposing attorneys in civil contempt of court. *Chase v. Stewart et. al.*, Circuit Court for Williamson County, Tennessee (2018).
- Obtained full dismissal of breach of contract claim brought against Belmont University by former student related to a grade appeal. *Rice v. Belmont University*, Chancery Court for Davidson County, Tennessee (2018).
- Obtained Summary Judgment in favor of Plaintiff partnership against individual partner. Judgment included Court Order that Defendant must sell his partnership interests to the Partnership as a remedy for his breaches of a Partnership Agreement. *440 Medical Group, et. al. v. Harvey L. Latimer, D.D.S.*, Chancery Court for Davidson County, Tennessee (2017).

- Obtained Summary Judgment in favor of Defendant law firm in legal malpractice case arising out of immigration representation. *Beyond Tomorrow Energy Consultants et. al. v. Bellamy et. al.*, Circuit Court for Davidson County, Tennessee (2017).
- Represented International Business Machines (IBM) in breach of contract case brought by Bridgestone Americas related to construction of tire maker's nationwide order to cash process program and alleging more than \$100 million in damages.
- Defending major hotel developer against breach of fiduciary duty claims brought by partner in hotel development project alleging \$30,000,000.
- Represented former principal of a large Tennessee architectural firm in lawsuit against former partners and firm for breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty.
- Represented international payment card brand in federal court case brought by retail merchant that experienced a major data breach of its card payment processing system.
- Part of trial team defending largest private corrections company in the United States against multiple civil rights actions in both state and federal court.
- Obtained Summary Judgment on all counts in favor of Defendants in civil rights case against major private corrections company and Judgment on the Pleadings against individual employee. *Buckley v. Sullivan*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 122529, United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee (2014).
- Successfully defended Motion for Temporary Injunction and ultimately obtained dismissal of all counts in dispute between pastor and trustees of a church. *Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church, et. al. v. Roderick Glatt et. al.*, Chancery Court of Davidson County, Tennessee (2014).
- Obtained Declaratory Judgment in favor of Plaintiff based upon estoppel and waiver in real estate contract dispute. *Utopia Place, LLC, et. al. v. James Chick et. al.*, Chancery Court of Davidson County, Tennessee (2014).
- Defended seller of hospital disinfection robotic technology against competitor alleging violations of the Lanham Act and seeking temporary and permanent injunctive relief.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Tennessee, 2013
- U.S. District Court
 - Tennessee: Middle, Eastern, Western
- U.S. Court of Appeals
 - 6th Circuit

DISTINCTIONS

- Adjunct Professor of Business Law, Belmont University, 2015-2018
- *Super Lawyers*[®]
 - Mid-South Rising Stars, 2016-Present
- *The National Law Journal*
 - Top Verdicts of 2016- Included for \$22,200,000 Verdict in Federal Jury Trial
- Nashville Bar Foundation Leadership Forum, Class of 2017-2018
- Young Lawyer's Division Enterprise Award Recipient, Nashville Bar Association, 2015

ASSOCIATIONS

- Tennessee Bar Association
- Nashville Bar Association
 - Young Lawyers Division
 - Board of Directors, 2014-Present
 - Co-Chair, Carbolic Smoke Ball, 2019
- Harry Phillips American Inn of Court, 2016-2018
- Belmont University College of Law American Inn of Court, 2018-Present
- Nashville Bar Foundation
 - Leadership Forum Steering Committee, 2018-Present

EDUCATION & HONORS

- Vanderbilt University School of Law, J.D., 2013
 - Order of the Coif
 - Vanderbilt Law School Scholastic Excellence Awards in Securities Regulation, Conflict of Laws, and Professional Responsibility
 - President, Honor Council
- Clemson University, B.A., Communications, *magna cum laude*, 2010
 - Phi Beta Kappa
 - Founding Father, Pi Kappa Alpha

PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- Presenter, "Rethinking 42 U.S.C. 1983 State Actor As the Business Evolves," CoreCivic Outside Counsel Conference, May 4, 2017.
- Co-Author, "Can Economic Pressure Alone Give Rise to a Tortious Interference Claim?" American Bar Association, Section on Litigation, Business Torts & Unfair Competition Newsletter, August 20, 2015.