

# Appellate Practice— by one of Tennessee’s Most Experienced Teams



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**Donald Capparella**

For over 25 years, **Donald Capparella** has developed a reputation as one of the state’s most respected appellate lawyers. He has handled **over 200 appeals** in state and federal court and is in-demand as an author and lecturer throughout Tennessee. He has served as counsel in landmark cases ranging from the adoption of comparative fault to the clarification of the summary judgment standard.

Named by his peers as the **Best Lawyers® 2016 Appellate Practice “Lawyer of the Year,”** for the **Metro Nashville area**, Mr. Capparella has been recognized by the *Nashville Business Journal* as among the “Best of the Bar,” as one of *Business TN* magazine’s “150 Best Lawyers,” and he has a Martindale-Hubbell AV® Peer Review Rating.

Capparella leads the firm’s appellate practice team offering consulting and case management in civil, domestic, and Federal appeals throughout Tennessee.



**Candi Henry**

Selected to 2015 Mid South “Rising Stars” list by Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters business



**Tyler Chance Yarbro**

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*© 2016 in the field of employment law—management



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## The appellate practice team at Dodson Parker Behm & Capparella, PC . . . experience, capacity, and expertise to handle almost any appeal.

Our attorneys have clerked for judges on both the Tennessee Court of Appeals and the Tennessee Supreme Court. They have served as editors of the *Tennessee Tort Law Letter*, the *Tennessee Appellate Practice Handbook*, and the *Tennessee Practice Series*. Their articles appear in publications such as the *Tennessee Bar Journal*, the *Nashville Bar Journal*, and the *Belmont Law Review*. They are frequently featured at presentations and seminars across the state, including the Tennessee Bar Association’s Supreme Court Bootcamp, the Nashville Bar Association’s Appellate Practice Seminar, the Tort Law Conference for Tennessee Practitioners, and the Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel. They have been named to lists including “Nashville’s Law Leaders Rising,” “Nashville’s Top 30 Under 30,” and “Nashville’s Best of the Bar.” Each brings years of experience and a commitment to excellence.

## Selected Cases

*McIntyre v. Ballentine*, 833 S.W.2d 52  
Tennessee Supreme Court 1992

**Amicus Counsel, adoption of comparative fault**

*Monypeny v. Kheiv*, No. W2014-00656-COA-R3-CV  
Tennessee Court of Appeals 2014

**Affirming \$2.6 million jury verdict**  
(trial and appellate counsel)

*Morrison v. Allen*, 338 S.W.3d 314  
Tennessee Supreme Court 2011

**Securing \$1.7 million in life insurance proceeds**  
(trial and appellate counsel)

*Knight v. Metro. Gov’t of Nashville & Davidson Cnty.*,  
136 F. App’x 755, 757  
Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals 2005

**Affirming \$200,000 verdict in discrimination case**

*Russell v. Illinois Central Railroad Co.*,  
No. W2013-02453-COA-R3-CV  
Tennessee Court of Appeals 2015

**Affirming \$3.3 million jury verdict**

*In re Estate of Smallman*, 398 S.W.3d 134  
Tennessee Supreme Court 2013

**New trial for widow regarding husband’s estate**

*Mayfield v. Mayfield*, 395 S.W.3d 108, 110  
Tennessee Supreme Court 2012

**Reversing award of alimony to at-fault spouse**

*Westmoreland v. Bacon*,  
No. M2011-01811-COA-RMCV  
Tennessee Court of Appeals 2013

**Successful Supreme Court application resulting in remand, preservation of medical malpractice claim**

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