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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties
Litigation; Entertainment Industry Law

Jay Bowen is a Shareholder in the Firm's Nashville office and a member of the Litigation practice group. Mr. Bowen has represented his clients' interests in difficult situations and tried many cases, both jury and bench trials, on behalf of local, regional, national and international companies, as well as individuals, including many nationally and internationally known entertainers. His experience ranges from trying federal income tax cases, copyright infringement, and intellectual property and business cases to both judges and juries, recovering multimillion-dollar verdicts or defense verdicts, to appellate litigation, to mediations and arbitrations across the United States.

Awards and Honors

- Mid-South Super Lawyers
- The Best Lawyers in America
- Nashville Post's "100 Best Lawyers in Nashville"
- Chambers USA's Best Lawyers for Business
- Leadership Music – Alumnus

Professional Involvement

- Nashville Bar Foundation – Fellow

Representative Matters

- Representing healthcare providers, including skilled nursing facilities and pain management clinics in state and federal False Claims Act cases
- Recovering million dollar plus judgment for multinational manufacturer of automobile components
- Recovering multimillion dollar jury verdict for recording artists against record company in contract and copyright case in Chicago federal court
- Representing multi-platinum international recording artists and record companies in copyright infringement defense litigation
- Representing major record company in litigation to determine enforceability of recording agreement
- Representing artists, publishers, writers and record companies in copyright termination rights litigation
- Representing Swedish intellectual property company in international arbitration to protect IP rights
- Obtaining multimillion dollar verdict against national health insurance company for a former general agent

in a contract termination case

- Representing publicly held Nashville company in accounting-based litigation to determine sale price in post-merger dispute
- Tennessee counsel in medical device inventor-licensee royalty dispute in Memphis, resulting in multi-billion dollar verdict
- Representing California venture capital company in litigation concerning dispute with credit card processing company and its CEO over sale price issues
- Representing Nashville-based credit card processing company in corporate accounting dispute relating to corporate acquisition
- Representing Nashville-based national publisher in audit litigation with its major vendor
- Representing major record labels defending audit claims and audit litigation
- Representing a printing company in Sherman and Clayton antitrust allegations against national forms provider
- Representing a Nashville-based public company in federal income tax litigation
- Defending a national religious publishing company in a copyright infringement action in Portland, Oregon
- Representing a major university in litigation in Nashville in which the Tennessee Supreme Court held for the first time that Allen or “dynamite” jury charges are unconstitutional
- Representing many artists and managers in connection with the termination of their relationships
- Representing international recording groups and artists in name and likeness litigation
- Representing international publishers in defamation litigation in Tennessee, Florida, Texas, South Carolina, West Virginia and California
- Representing a national record label in litigation brought by one of its major artists seeking to void her recording contracts
- Representing a major motion picture company in copyright infringement litigation involving themes from the James Bond movies
- Representing a manufacturing company in a case which resulted in landmark rulings governing trade secret protection in Tennessee
- Representing an international record company in litigation with the Elvis Presley estate and Colonel Tom Parker in Tennessee and in New York
- Representing banks, universities, and other businesses in copyright infringement litigation
- Representing Country, Pop and Rap music artists, record companies and publishing companies in a variety of complex business litigation
- Defending three major record labels and recording artists in the Bridgeport litigation in Tennessee which involved allegations of sampling
- Representing an international talent agency in contract and unfair competition litigation
- Representing manufacturing companies in unfair competition, trademark and contract litigation
- Representing record companies and publishers in employment discrimination litigation
- Representing the Recording Industry Association of America (“RIAA”) in Tennessee against illegal downloads

Education

Mr. Bowen earned his J.D. from Vanderbilt Law School, where he was note editor of the *Vanderbilt Law Review*. He earned his A.B. from Davidson College.

Bar Admissions

- Tennessee

Court Admissions

- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit of Appeal
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit of Appeal
- United States District Court of Middle Tennessee
- United States District Court of Eastern Tennessee
- United States District Court of Western Tennessee