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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



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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.

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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)

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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