



## M. Matthew Thornton

Matthew Thornton concentrates his practice of law in the areas of probate and estate law and residential real estate. In addition, drawing upon his generalist experience and mediation training, Matthew is a Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Listed Mediator. He has successfully represented clients in negotiating disputes and in arbitration and civil trials when negotiation fails to achieve the desired client results. Matthew serves on the Executive Council of the

Tennessee Bar Association’s Estate Planning & Probate Section and its legislative subcommittee, where he has been an active participant in the shaping of new developments relating to estate law.

### Bar Admissions

Tennessee Bar, 1997  
Arkansas Bar, 1999

### Professional Associations and Memberships

Tennessee Bar Association, 2007-Present  
Estate Planning & Probate Section - Executive Council

Tennessee Bar Association, Leadership Law  
Member, Class of 2005

Memphis Bar Association, 1997-Present  
Member

Leo Bearman, Sr. American Inn of Court  
Member, 2004-2006

### Selected Presentations/Seminars Taught

“Resolving Real Estate Title Defects”  
National Business Institute, 2010

“Estate Planning and Administration in Anticipation of Family Turmoil”  
National Business Institute, 2007

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### Education

- University of Tennessee  
Knoxville, Tennessee  
B.S., 1990  
Honors: Cum Laude  
Walk-on Punter / Placekicker for U.T.  
Volunteers (1986-1990)
- University of Tennessee, School of Law  
Knoxville, Tennessee  
Juris Doctor, 1997

### Judicial Clerkship

- Hon. Hewitt P. Tomlin, Jr., Tennessee Court of Appeals, 1997-98

### Practice Areas

- Probate/Administration of Estates
- Estate Planning/Wills, Trusts, and Powers of Attorney
- Residential Real Estate Closings
- Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Listed Mediator



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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

“Discouraging Family Estate Litigation Through Proper Planning and Administration” National Business Institute, 2006

“A Practical Guide to Estate Administration in Tennessee” National Business Institute, 2005

**Community Involvement**

Board of Directors - Truth Seekers Fellowship

Board of Directors - Parent Teacher Organization (Memphis City Schools)

Sunday School Teacher

Cub Scout/Boy Scout Leader