

Jefferson C. Orr

Jefferson C. Orr (Jeff), born in 1961 and a native of Nashville, Tennessee, was a founding partner of Smith Cashion & Orr, PLC. Mr. Orr practiced principally in the areas of architect and engineer professional liability, construction and commercial litigation, and asset recovery/subrogation law.

Mr. Orr received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Western Kentucky University in 1984. During college, Mr. Orr worked as a co-op engineer for a large mechanical contracting company on several commercial and industrial projects.

In 1987, Mr. Orr earned his Juris Doctor degree from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law where he served on the Honor Council. After graduating from law school, Mr. Orr practiced law with the Nashville firm of Manier, Herod, Hollabaugh & Smith until co-founding Smith Cashion & Orr, PLC in 1998. For over twenty years, Mr. Orr represented contractors, design professionals, owners, and property insurers in a wide range of matters involving design defects, construction defects, delay and inefficiency claims, and all types of casualty losses.

Mr. Orr had substantial trial experience. He litigated in courts throughout the Southeast region at both the State and Federal level. Mr. Orr also participated in numerous arbitrations as both a litigant and an arbitrator.

Mr. Orr was active in several construction industry organizations. He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Associated General Contractors, and the Associated Builders and Contractors. Mr. Orr was also a member of the American Bar Association (Construction Law Forum), Tennessee and Nashville Bar Associations, and the Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel (Executive Committee, 2005).

Mr. Orr co-authored several publications relating to construction law, including Tennessee Law for Design Professionals, Tennessee Construction Defect Claims, Tennessee Construction Law, and Lien Laws for Design Professionals. Mr. Orr also lectured extensively on issues involving design professionals, contractors, and sureties in seminars sponsored by the Associated Builders and Contractors, the Associated General Contractors, Lorman Education Services, and the National Business Institute.



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EDUCATION

- B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology, Western Kentucky University, 1984
- J.D., Samford University Cumberland School of Law, 1987

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Tennessee Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit