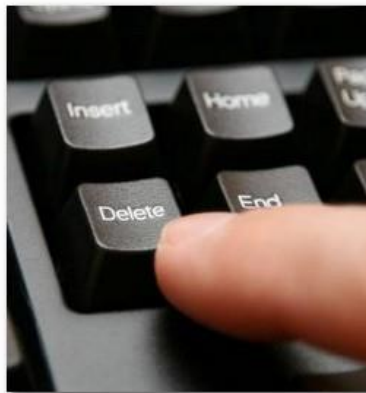




News & Updates

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Tennessee Supreme Court Revamps Law on Spoliation of Evidence

By [Richard E. Spicer](#)

An important Tennessee Supreme Court case released at the end of last year has increased the pressure on retaining evidence in cases. Evidence is more available now than ever before, due to cell phone cameras and the overall rise in technology. Perhaps the Court feels that preservation of evidence is now easier. The hurdles on proving spoliation are less burdensome, but the sanctions are potentially more severe.

Read more about this change [here](#).



Spicer Rudstrom Attorney Co-Authored a Brief Relied upon by Tennessee Federal Court to Change Landscape of Admissible Damages in Tort Cases

[Jared S. Renfroe](#) recently co-authored a brief filed with the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee in a personal injury action, seeking to have the Court issue

a ruling limiting the medical bills that a plaintiff can introduce to the jury at trial. The Court agreed with the brief, prohibiting the plaintiff from introducing any undiscounted hospital charges as evidence of the alleged injuries and thereby overturning what has been the standard practice for plaintiffs for decades.

Read more about Jared's brief [here](#).

Congratulations are in Order!

Gary Kellar, Spicer Rudstrom Top Most Prolific Trial Attorneys and Trial Law Firms List

The Tennessee Jury Verdict Reporter Year In Review 2015 edition was recently released, and Spicer Rudstrom is well represented. [Gary M. Kellar](#), partner in the firm's Nashville office, topped the list for "The Most Prolific Trial Attorneys of 2015." Gary defended multiple litigations in jury trials in the Greater Nashville area. His 11-year total is 26 cases tried--ranking him fifth among trial attorneys from 2005 to 2015.

Spicer Rudstrom topped the list for "The 2015 Most Prolific Trial Law Firms" in Nashville and Memphis last year. Statewide, Spicer Rudstrom ranked fifth in reported jury trials over the 11-year period from 2005 to 2015.

Read more [here](#).

Amy Markham Named Partner

Spicer Rudstrom is proud to announce the promotion of [Amy C. Markham](#) to partner. Amy, an experienced litigator in workers' compensation and

construction defect cases, helped open the firm's Little Rock office five years ago.

Read more [here](#).

Newton Anderson and Rob Uhorchuk Selected as Members of Claims and Litigation Management Alliance

Congratulations are in order to [S. Newton Anderson](#), office managing member in Memphis, and [Robert J. Uhorchuk](#), partner in our Chattanooga office, who were recently selected as members of the Claims and Litigation Management (CLM) Alliance. CLM members are outside defense counsel who receive recommendations for membership by claims professional or fellows of CLM.

Read more [here](#).

Rich Spicer Named Fellow in the Nashville Bar Association

The Nashville Bar Association recently inducted its newest class of fellows, and [Richard E. Spicer](#), partner in the firm's Nashville office, was one of the attorneys selected for the honor.

Martindale-Hubbell Recognizes Three More Spicer Attorneys with AV-Preeminent Ranking

Three additional attorneys in our firm have recently received AV Preeminent ratings with [Martindale-Hubbell](#), the highest possible rating in both legal ability and ethical standards. Please join us in congratulating [Kevin D. Bernstein](#), [B. Thomas Hickey, Jr.](#) and [Christopher M. Myatt](#).

Spicer Rudstrom Adds Two Attorneys

Spicer Rudstrom is pleased to welcome [Cameron M. Watson](#) and [J. Steven Collins](#) to our Memphis and Knoxville offices, respectively.

Cameron, a graduate of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis, joins the firm as an associate focused on employment and intellectual property litigation. He has honed his skills in research; and drafting



briefs, opinions, and orders. While in law school, he received the Cali Excellence for the Future Award in Intellectual Property; Patent Law; Trademark and Unfair Competition; U.C.C. Sales; U.C.C. Secured Transactions; and Criminal Procedure.

Steve is an experienced litigation attorney practicing in areas including employment law, domestic relations and premises liability. For 30 years, he has used his professional acumen and experience to achieve the legal needs of his clients--getting them where they need to be when they need to be there. He has achieved an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell and serves in an Of Counsel role. Steve's practice has involved defending and representing parties in the grocery, financial, manufacturing, not-for-profit and trucking industries, as well as providing counsel on government compliance, hiring agreements and severance packages for employers.



Spicer Rudstrom Goes Red



Attorneys and staff members from across Spicer Rudstrom's offices participated in the recent [National Wear Red Day](#) initiative, showing support for the American Heart Association's effort to prevent heart disease and stroke. From Texarkana, Texas to Knoxville, Tennessee, we proudly sported our red!

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