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Practice Areas

- Environmental Law
- Business & Commercial Litigation
- Transportation & Logistics

Professional Experience

Mr. Womack has been practicing law for nearly thirty years. Although the focus of his practice is in environmental law, he has experience in a variety of civil litigation matters, including antitrust, construction negligence, construction claims, commercial disputes and tort liability.

Mr. Womack has practiced environmental law for nearly twenty years. In that time he has been active in the Environmental Law Section of the Tennessee Bar Association (serving as Chairman of the Section in 2006-2007 and a member of the Section's Executive Council for over seven years) and the Real Estate and Environmental Law Section of the Memphis Bar Association. He has made numerous presentations on a variety of environmental law issues, including environmental laws and regulations affecting real estate development, environmental audits and assessments and solid and hazardous waste regulations.

Mr. Womack has counseled businesses and other entities on federal, state, and local environmental laws, rules and regulations in such areas as release reporting, storm water permitting requirements, waste management, air emissions, underground storage tanks and real estate transactions. He has represented a number of businesses and other entities in environmental cost recovery actions and environmental enforcement actions. He has also represented a number of persons, businesses and other entities involved in the redevelopment of properties impacted by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances or other pollutants. In addition, he has counseled persons, businesses and other entities in the environmental due diligence process in support of real estate transactions.

Education

- Middle Tennessee State University, B.S. degree, 1977
- University of Memphis, J. D. degree, 1980
- University of Memphis, M.B.A. degree, 1980

Admitted to Practice

- Tennessee

Honors/Awards

- Chambers USA Leaders in their Fields, Environmental Law
- The Best Lawyers in America (Environmental Law, Environmental Litigation)
- Tennessee Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Program/ Level 1 Certified
- Best Lawyers, Lawyer of the Year 2013, Environmental Litigation
- MidSouth SuperLawyers, Environmental Law

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Professional/Civic/Charitable Organizations

- American (Member, Section of Environmental, Energy and Resources) Bar Association
- Tennessee (Member, House of Delegates; Member, Environmental Law Section Executive Council, Past Chairperson, Environmental Law Section 2006-07) Bar Association
- Memphis (Member, Real Estate- Environmental Law Section) Bar Association

Representative Matters

- Representation of developers, sellers and purchasers of real estate in negotiating and drafting brownfield redevelopment agreements with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
- Counseling clients in spill or release reporting requirements
- Counseling and assisting clients in the disclosure of environmental violations so as to take advantage of penalty reduction policies afforded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
- Representation of clients in the defense of enforcement actions initiated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the Pollution Control Section of the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department
- Representation of clients in the sale and purchase of plant facilities where environmental compliance issues were investigated and corrected
- Representation of clients in the negotiation of permit conditions (including air emissions permits and stormwater discharge permits) and in actions to contest permit conditions
- Representation of clients in the defense of environmental cost recovery actions
- Representation of clients in the negotiation and/or drafting of contract and lease provisions allocating responsibilities under the environmental laws and regulations
- Counseling of clients in a variety of environmental compliance obligations
- Representation environmental response contractors in the drafting of environmental response contracts and one client in the negotiation and drafting of a landfill operation contract

Speaking Engagements and Publications

- "State of Mississippi's Lawsuit Against Memphis," Tennessee Bar Association Environmental Law Section Newsletter, March 2008
- "SWANCC Revisited- A Note on Two Recent Court Decisions," Tennessee Bar Association Environmental Law Section Newsletter, January 2003
- "Water Resources Information Act," Tennessee Bar Association Environmental Law Section Newsletter, June 2002
- Environmental Issues in Real Estate Transactions, Real Property Law Institute, Memphis Bar Association, April 2009
- Managing Environmental Issues that Can Negatively Impact a Transaction, Risk Management Association, Memphis Chapter, October 2008
- Environmental Due Diligence Considerations and Pitfalls to Avoid

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- Environmental Issues in Real Estate Transactions, Real Property Law Institute, Memphis Bar Association, April 2009
- Managing Environmental Issues that Can Negatively Impact a Transaction, Risk Management Association, Memphis Chapter, October 2008
- Environmental Due Diligence Considerations and Pitfalls to Avoid, Memphis Bar Association, August 2007
- "Let's Make a Deal" (participant in a panel discussion on brownfield redevelopment hypothetical case study, Environmental Law Forum, Tennessee Bar Association, February 2007
- Environmental Issues in Property Development/ Ethical Considerations, Land Use Law Update, National Business Institute, February 2004
- Hypothetical Real Estate Transaction (panel discussion participant), Environmental Issues in Real Estate Transactions, Tennessee Bar Association Annual Convention, June 2003
- Environmental Aspects of Real Estate Transactions, Institute for Practicing Lawyers, Memphis Bar Association, February 2003
- Complying with Environmental and Special Use Need Regulations, Land Use Law in Tennessee, National Business Institute, December 2002
- Environmental Concerns for Developers, Tennessee Land Use, National Business Institute, June 2001
- Environmental Concerns in Real Estate Transactions, Tennessee Bar Association, September 2000
- Complying with Environmental and Special Use Regulations, Land Use Law Update, National Business Institute, February 1998
- Environmental Issues in Bankruptcy, Mid-South Bankruptcy, University of Memphis School of Law, February 1997
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) and Underground Storage Tanks; Basic Problems for Litigators, Environmental Law for the Litigator, Memphis Bar Association, October 1996
- A Review of Recent Court Decisions on the Self-Evaluative Privilege, the Attorney Work-Product Doctrine, and the Attorney Client Privilege, Environmental Auditing, Myths and Realities, Tennessee Bar Association, February 1995
- Developments in Tennessee (panel discussion participant), Environmental Protection Agency/Region IV Environmental Conference, American Bar Association, 1994
- Right of Entry for Environmental Investigation, Business Law & Environment, E.F. Williams & Towery Publishing, June 1993

