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Mary Beth Hagan is an attorney with the law firm of Blankenship, Blankenship & Hagan, PLLC where she focuses her practice on construction, business, and real estate litigation. Prior to joining Blankenship & Blankenship, she practiced in downtown Nashville at a mid-sized law firm with an emphasis on business and construction litigation. Mary Beth received an AV Preeminent® rating with the Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review program. Mary Beth is an active member of the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry and Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel. She also spends time working with the non-profit organization Change for a Chance.

EDUCATION

- **Doctor of Jurisprudence**, May 2002, high honors
University of Tennessee College of Law Knoxville, TN
Extracurricular: Tennessee Law Review: Executive Research Editor; Speaker Series Chair 2001-02, Vice-Chair for Development 2000-01; Phi Alpha Delta
- **Bachelor of Science, Political Science**, May 1999, *magna cum laude, in cursu honorum*
Tennessee Technological University Cookeville, TN
Extracurricular: Student Government Association – leadership; Chair of Tennessee Tech Student Monies Allocation Committee; Alpha Delta Pi Sorority – leadership; Pre-Law Society President; Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society President; Alpha Mu Gamma Honor Society President; Mock Trial team; American Institute of Parliamentarians; Rotaract Service Club Vice-President

EXPERIENCE

- **Blankenship, Blankenship & Hagan, PLLC**
Attorney, January 2008-present
Litigation and arbitration practice consisting of 90% construction litigation; Advocating for contractors, subcontractors, commercial property owners, homeowners, and small to medium-sized business owners. Trial, arbitration, administrative, and appellate practice. Advising small to medium-sized businesses on legal matters.
- **Gullett, Sanford, Robinson & Martin, PLLC**
Attorney, August 2002-December 2008
Litigation and arbitration practice advocating for business owners, contractors, subcontractors, homeowners, banks, insurance companies, individuals; Arbitration experience, appellate court practice, including brief writing and oral argument; Litigated against U.S. Department of Justice, State of Tennessee, and local municipalities.
- **Tennessee Supreme Court**
Internship, Summer 2000
Reviewing appeals and submitting recommendations to court; Drafting opinion for Tennessee Workers' Compensation Panel.
- **Tennessee General Assembly**
Internship with House Majority Leader, Spring 1999
Tracked legislation through committees; research; compiled articles for review by caucus members.
- **State Board of Equalization**
Internship, Summers 1998, 1999
Processed property tax exemption applications for non-profit organizations under supervision of Staff Attorney; organized and briefed over 200 appeals opinions for computer access by Staff Attorney and Administrative Law Judges.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- **ABA Forum on the Construction Industry**
Division 9 member.
- **American Bar Association**
Construction Litigation Committee.
- **Tennessee Bar Association**
Construction Section Chair; Young Lawyers Division.
- **Rutherford/Cannon County Bar Association**
- **Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel (TACC)**
Communications Chair and Board Member.
- **Lawyers' Association for Women (LAW)**

SERVICE

- **Change for a Chance**
Founding Board Member; Secretary/Vice-President.
- **University of Tennessee Alumni Association of Rutherford County**
Board Member and Secretary
- **Kiwanis Club, 2005-2007**
Key Club Committee Chair.
- **Girl Scouts of America**
Daisy Girl Scout Leader, 1st Grade, present.
Troop leader for troop of multi-national girls ages 5-13, 2000-2002.

PUBLICATIONS/SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Court Square Series *Advocating Residential Construction Disputes*, TBA CLE program, Manchester, Tennessee, September 22, 2011.
- Court Square Series *Presenting an Arbitration Case*, Tennessee Bar Association CLE program, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, September 16, 2011.
- Court Square Series *Arbitration*, Tennessee Bar Association CLE program, November 19, 2010, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.
- *What Every Construction Lawyer Needs to Know About Cost Estimating*, co-authored with John Finch, PBG, American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry Fall Meeting, 2010.
- *Mediating and Arbitrating Construction Disputes* seminar, Tennessee Bar Association, January 22, 2010, Nashville, Tennessee.
- *Fundamentals of Construction Law* seminar, American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry, November 5, 2009, Nashville, Tennessee.
- *Construction Lien Law* seminar, Lorman Education Services, February 27, 2009, Knoxville, Tennessee.
- *Timing is Everything: Notice Provisions in Mechanics' Lien Law*, Nashville Bar Journal, 2004.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **Annual Richard F. Laroche Sr. Pro Bono Award for Service to the Community in 2010**, Rutherford/Cannon County Bar Association, 2010.
- **Order of the Coif**
- **Tennessee Law Review Editor's Award**, 2002
- **Robert E. Pryor Award of Excellence in Advocacy Award**, 2001
- **College of Law Graduate Assistantship**, 2001-02
- **College of Law Scholarship**, 2000-01
- **James R. Omer Scholarship Endowment**, 1999-2000
- **Mortar Board Honor Society**
- **Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society**
- **Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society**
- **Class Valedictorian**, Fairview High School