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Jennie Silk is a shareholder in Baker Donelson's Memphis office and a member of the Complex Litigation and Class Actions Group. She represents clients across the country and internationally in high-stakes commercial disputes, product liability actions, construction litigation, and complex tort cases.

Her practice includes defending municipalities in high-profile §1983 and Monell litigation, often involving First Amendment claims and open records disputes. She has significant experience with consent decree litigation and Department of Justice (DOJ) pattern-or-practice investigations.

Ms. Silk also handles federal construction litigation under the Miller Act and frequently advocates for clients in AAA arbitrations involving commercial and contractual matters.

Committed to advancing justice, Jennie maintains a robust pro bono practice. She has secured compassionate release for a human trafficking survivor, obtained protection for a Honduran family under the Hague Convention Against Torture, and authored an amicus curiae brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in a capital penalty case.

Admitted in Tennessee state and federal courts and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Ms. Silk brings creativity and tenacity to every matter. Outside the courtroom, she is an avid runner who has completed dozens of marathons – including 15 Boston Marathons (and counting).



Case Studies

- [Victory for Pro Bono Client in Immigration Case](#) - Immigration



Representative Matters

- Successfully represented a client in a \$130 million commercial arbitration.
- Represented a municipality in a civil rights investigation by the DOJ.
- Recently awarded dismissal in two Monell cases against a municipality.
- Successfully represented in trial a large municipality and its police department in a high-profile civil rights case.
- Successfully petitioned a federal court for modification of an institutional reform consent decree.
- Represented two large school districts in a multibillion-dollar lawsuit challenging the state's educational funding system.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Member – American Bar Association
- Member – Tennessee Bar Association
- Member – Memphis Bar Association
- Member – DRI (Young Lawyers Division)
- Member – American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)
- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Commercial Litigation (2021 – 2026) and Municipal Law (2024 – 2026)

- Selected to Mid-South Rising Stars, Civil Litigation: Defense (2022 – 2025)
- Class Member – 2025 Tennessee Bar Association's Leadership Law Program
- Recipient – Baker Donelson's Memphis Office Pro Bono Attorney of the Year (2021)
- Recipient – Leo Bearman, Sr. American Inn of Court Outstanding Associate Award (2021 – 2022)
- Recipient – Baker Donelson's Firm-Wide Pro Bono Attorney of the Year (2019)



Publications

- "A Victory for Qualified Immunity. A Trend to Continue?" (November 2021)
- "The Unexpected Benefits of Pro Bono Work for a Litigator," *Trial Spotlight Newsletter* (October 2021)
- "The Risks and Rewards of an Office BYOD - Bring Your Own Device - Program," *Memphis Business Journal* (September 2019)
- "Calling out *Maryland v. King*: DNA, Cell Phones, and the Fourth Amendment," *Thomson Reuters*, 2015 Criminal Law Bulletin, Volume 51, Issue 5 (2015)



Speaking Engagements

- "Attorney Ethical Obligations Relating To Cybersecurity," Baker Donelson Women's Initiative Wrap It Up CLE Event (December 2021)



Education

- University of Mississippi School of Law, J.D., 2016, summa cum laude
 - Associate Cases Editor – *University of Mississippi Law Journal*
- Rhodes College, B.A. in Religious Studies



Admissions

- Tennessee, 2016
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit