

Baker Joins NST's Auto Accident Litigation Group

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Charles Edward Baker has joined Nahon, Saharovich & Trotz PLC as an associate in the firm's auto accident litigation group.

A Memphis native, Baker received his juris doctorate from the University of Tennessee in 2005, where he was a member of the Law Review, serving as student materials editor. He recently received his master's degree in tax law from the University of Florida and, prior to attending law school, he received his master's degree in business admin-

istration from the University of Memphis.

After graduating law school, he clerked for Judge Alan E. Highers in the Court of Appeals for the Western District of Tennessee. Prior to joining NST, Baker worked in the Knoxville office of the Chattanooga-based law firm Leitner, Williams, Dooley & Napolitan PLLC.

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Q: What attracted you to practice in auto accident litigation? Have you had much experience in this area of the law?

A: What attracted me to the area of auto accident litigation is the ability to use my knowledge and skills to help people through the traumatic experience of being in an automobile accident. Previously, I practiced two years in insurance defense litigation, which included handling automobile accident cases.

Q: You are a Memphis native, and received your master's degree in Florida and worked in Knoxville after law school. What drew you back to Memphis?

A: I was born and raised in Memphis, and after completing the LL.M. in taxation program, I wanted to move back to be closer to family and friends.

Q: How did you end up working at NST?

A: After graduating from the University of Florida's LL.M. in taxation program this summer, I wanted to return to Memphis. A close friend of mine from law school is

actually a son of one of the partners, and I had spoken to him about the firm. When I saw that the firm was hiring, I applied for the position, as it was a great opportunity to work for Tennessee's largest plaintiff personal injury firm.

Q: What inspired you to get your master's in tax law? Do you see yourself being a tax lawyer in the future?

A: The Internal Revenue Code is constantly changing, and I wanted to expand my knowledge of the area in order to become a more well-rounded attorney. I believe that the LL.M. in taxation program at the University of Florida allowed me to have a unique perspective for analyzing issues. As for practicing in the area of tax law, I don't foresee that in the future, as I am excited about my future at Nahon Saharovich & Trotz PLC as a litigator.

Q: What did you learn from clerking with Judge Highers?

A: The one thing I learned while clerking for Judge Highers is to see what can go wrong in litigation and how to appropriately structure arguments.

Q: Is there any one lawyer, either

in Memphis or nationally, that has influenced you the most?

A: If I had to name just one attorney that has influenced me the most, I would definitely say that it would be Don Paine. Paine was my professor for civil procedure II and evidence while I was in law school, and since being one of his students, I have gotten to know him better, and personally think that he not only is one of the best attorneys I have ever met, but one of the best human beings that I have ever gotten the pleasure to meet.

Q: Are you involved in any community organizations?

A: Since I just moved back to Memphis, I haven't had the chance to get involved with many community organizations. That being said, I have contacted the Young Lawyers Division of the Memphis Bar Association to coach one of the area high school mock trial teams for the annual competition. Additionally, I have signed up to walk as part of the NST team chaired by Jackie Richardson, a fellow attorney with the firm, in the annual Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure in October.



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