

## Editorial

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### Local lawyer opens new firm to serve entrepreneurs, focus on intellectual property issues

Autumn Witt Boyd has opened a law practice in Chattanooga – The Law Office of Autumn Witt Boyd. Boyd is an experienced lawyer who advises small businesses, online companies, startups, and individuals on their business and intellectual property matters.

“I enjoy helping small businesses get started on the right foot, negotiate contracts, and understand their legal issues in plain English,” Boyd said.

“Chattanooga’s startup community is on fire right now, benefitting from EPB’s gigabit Internet service and the work of local incubators and venture capital investors. I’m excited to connect with entrepreneurs to help guide them through challenges and cheer them on as they achieve their goals.”



Autumn Witt Boyd - (Photo provided)

The firm is located in the Business Development Center, located at 100 Cherokee Blvd. in North Chattanooga. Boyd offers many services at a flat rate, or on a subscription basis.

Boyd has been helping small businesses and artists in Chattanooga for more than 10 years. For nearly seven years, she served as an associate with the law firm of Harmon & Seidman, where she represented photographers, visual artists, and stock photography agencies in copyright lawsuits, including a successful jury trial. She also worked for two years at local firm Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel, helping businesses and individuals who had been sued over business deals or products, or who needed to file lawsuits to protect their own patents or copyrights.

Boyd began her legal career as a law clerk to United States District Court Judge Curtis L. Collier.

Boyd obtained her law degree at Vanderbilt University Law School, where she graduated as a member of the Order of the Coif, and her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and English at Indiana University.

Boyd is mom to twin boys, and lives with her husband in North Chattanooga. She is active in the local nonprofit community, currently serving as the vice president of Chattanooga Friends, a service organization for young professionals. Boyd has also recently served on the boards of the Junior League of Chattanooga (as vice president of communications), and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Chattanooga. She is active in the Brock Cooper American Inn of Court, the Copyright Society of the USA, Tennessee Volunteer Lawyers & Professionals for the Arts, and Southeast Tennessee Lawyers’ Association for Women.

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