

CURRICULUM VITAE

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI – KANSAS CITY

Adjunct Professor – Trial Advocacy (2001-present)

Education:

B.S. Finance, Central Missouri States University

M.S. Industrial Engineering, Central Missouri State University

J.D. University of Missouri – Kansas City

Licensure:

Missouri – 1998 – Admitted to practice before all State and Federal Courts within Missouri, as well as the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Kansas – 1998 – Admitted to practice before all State and Federal Courts within Kansas, as well as the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Pro Hac Vice – I have represented clients in all states and Canada.

Professional Affiliations:

Legal Aid – Committee Member

(Since 1964, Legal Aid of Western Missouri has provided dignity, self-sufficiency, and justice through quality **civil (non-criminal) legal** aid for those who have nowhere else to turn. The fundamental goal of legal aid services is simple—to provide

free legal representation to low-income citizens and to cultivate self-sufficiency among their clients.)

Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys – Board Member

(MATA was founded in 1951 as the Missouri Association of Claimants Attorneys (MACA) by a small group of attorneys from across the state who recognized the value of banding together to gain more equitable rights for their clients, the individuals who had suffered because of negligent acts, often caused by corporate giants. Some of the injustices they sought to remedy — which they and their successors ultimately did — included a contributory negligence doctrine, responsibility for unsafe products, implementation of discovery, a decent wrongful death limit and the recognition of medical malpractice. Intelligible jury instructions were mandated. Incredibly, these achievements were not easily won.)

Lee Summit Soccer Association – Board Member

(Sporting Lee’s Summit is one of the largest youth soccer clubs in the state of Missouri and it is the largest park and recreational soccer association in Missouri. The association works tirelessly to make sure all youth in Kansas City has an opportunity to participate in sports, no matter their family’s financial situation.)

The American Association for Justice – Committee Member

(The American Association for Justice (AAJ) works to make sure people have a fair chance to receive justice through the legal system when they are injured by the negligence or misconduct of others – even when it means taking on the most powerful corporations.)

Kansas City Bar Association – Committee Member

(The Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KCMBA) is the largest and oldest bar association in the Kansas City area. Founded in 1884, KCMBA utilizes its rich tradition as a platform to provide current, innovative, and relevant service to its 5,000 members in its nine-county service territory in Missouri and Kansas.)

University of Missouri – Kansas City – Trial Foundation – Founding Board Member

(The foundation provides services to the law school and ensures the students are receiving the necessary training to protect the most vulnerable of our society).

Division of Family Services – Pro Bono – when asked by the Court to represent a client in a highly contested case.

Published Writings: Furnished upon Request

Notable Results:

- **Requested by the Court and Client to enter my appearance into a highly contested and publicized termination of parental rights case in 2019. I accepted the case on a pro bono (I receive no fee and I pay all the expenses) agreement. After reviewing the case, I felt the father had been taken advantage of by the system and we began the fight to reunite the father with his family. At the time I was requested to enter my appearance into the case on a pro bono request, the father had lost all of his efforts (over a year and a half of proceedings) to be reunited with his family. The Court was set to have the last hearing to terminate the father's parental rights at the time I entered my appearance. It is our understanding that no parent had ever won a termination or parental rights hearing in Jackson County in the last decade. We requested a 2-day trial and aggressively litigated the matter. The trial judge rejected the states case and reunited the father with his family. The Judge subsequently nominated and awarded me at the annual conference with the advocate of the year award.**
- 3 Million award for teenage detainee that suffered brain damage by officers at the Juvenile Detention Center.
- Represented the United Auto Workers Teamster's Fund to obtain a confidential settlement against large pharmaceutical companies (Co-Counsel - David Hoffa)
- The highest wrongful death verdict in Orange County, California (\$10.25 million) against a rehabilitation facility.
- Saint Louis Jury awarded \$48.4 million to an energy company that sued Chicago Title Insurance Co. for negligence. The award was the largest plaintiff verdict ever in St. Louis County and was also the state's largest plaintiff verdict that year.
- The highest wrongful death verdict in St. Louis County, Missouri (\$9.5 million). It was the second largest verdict of 2007 in Missouri.
- Settlement for \$10.5 million in his Jackson County lawsuit against the confidential warehouse facility and two confidential aerial lift defendants for a painter who received an electrical shock while power washing a warehouse.
- A \$10 million dollar settlement with confidential defendant for brain injury to a child.
- A \$5.9 million-dollar confidential settlement with trucking company.
- A \$2.53 million-dollar confidential settlement with trucking company.
- A \$1 million dollar settlement for two Kansas University students injured in a car accident in Colorado, Missouri.
- Multiple settlements in excess of \$1 million dollars, but due to confidentiality provisions in the settlement I am unable to disclose facts and/or parties of the litigation.
- Settlement of multiple cases for amounts in excess of \$1 million dollars.
- Settlement of multiple cases for amounts less than \$1 million dollars.
- Represented over 150 clients that received diluted chemotherapy drugs. In the first trial the team obtained a \$2.2 billion verdict, which eventually led to a confidential settlement.

- Represented over 250 cox-2 clients (Vioxx, Bextra and Celebrex) and has obtained individual settlements for each plaintiff.
- Represented over a hundred individual farmers and mills in Louisiana and Arkansas stemming from Bayer contaminating the United States rice supply with genetically modified rice and has obtained individual settlements for each plaintiff.
- Settlement of a payment fraud case for over a hundred individual farmers and their entities in Missouri and Illinois against Archer Daniels Midland.
- Settlement of hundreds of plaintiffs stemming from injuries they sustained from dangerous vaginal mesh medical implant products.

Honors:

Thomson Reuters – Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Recognition

Kansas City Business Journal – Best of the Bar

National Trial Lawyers – Top 100 Trial Lawyer

Martindale-Hubbell – AV Peer Review Rating (highest possible rating)

American Institute of Trial Lawyers – Litigator of the Year

Association of America’s Lawyers – Top 100 Lawyers

American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys – 10 Best Attorneys in Kansas

National Academy of Personal Injury Attorneys – Top 10 Attorney Award

The National Trial Lawyers – Top 100

The National Trial Lawyers – Top 25 (Brain Injury)

The National Trial Lawyers – Top 25 (Motor Vehicle)

The National Trial Lawyers – Top 10 (Trucking)

America’s Top 100 High Stakes Litigators

Current Notable Litigation:

Representing Missouri Counties in lawsuits against opioid manufactures for reimbursement of cost related to opioid abuse.