

MISSOURI

Local litigation firms

Highly recommended

Bryan Cave

Husch Blackwell Sanders

Polsinelli Shughart

Rouse Hendricks German May

Stinson Morrison Hecker

Recommended

Armstrong Teasdale

Berkowitz Oliver Williams Shaw & Eisenbrandt

Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale

Kohn Shands Elbert Gianoulakis & Giljum

Lathrop & Gage

Lewis Rice & Fingersh

Shook Hardy & Bacon

Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal

Thompson Coburn

Local litigation stars

Michael J. Abrams

Lathrop & Gage

Class Actions, Commercial Litigation, Insurance, Media, Trade Secrets

Robert Adams

Shook Hardy & Bacon

Appellate, Insurance, Products Liability

Robyn Anderson

Lathrop & Gage

Insurance

Mark Anstoetter

Shook Hardy & Bacon

Products Liability

Dan Ball

Bryan Cave

Class Actions, Commercial Litigation, Products Liability, Toxic Torts

Lawrence Berkowitz

Berkowitz Oliver Williams Shaw & Eisenbrandt

Appellate, Antitrust, Commercial Litigation, Insurance, Professional Liability, Securities

William Perry Brandt

Bryan Cave

Commercial Litigation, Employment Litigation, Securities, White Collar Crime

Joseph Conran

Husch Blackwell Sanders

Class Actions, Intellectual Property, Securities

Douglas Dalglish

Lathrop & Gage

Personal Injury, Products Liability, Trade Secrets

James Eisenbrandt

Berkowitz Oliver Williams Shaw & Eisenbrandt

Antitrust, Health Law, Environmental Litigation

David Everson

Stinson Morrison Hecker

Antitrust, Class Actions, Intellectual Property, Trade Secrets, White Collar Crime

Gregory Fowler

Shook Hardy & Bacon

International Litigation, Products Liability

Brian Fries

Lathrop & Gage

Class Actions, Complex Commercial Litigation, Insurance, Securities

Charles German

Rouse Hendricks German May

Class Actions, Complex Commercial Litigation, Health Law, White Collar Crime

James Griffin

Husch Blackwell Sanders

Class Actions, Products Liability

Frank Gundlach

Armstrong Teasdale

Class Action, Commercial Litigation, Products Liability

David Harris

Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale

Antitrust, Class Actions, Commercial Litigation, Securities

Robert Henderson

Polsinelli Shughart

Insurance, Products Liability

Robert Hoffman

Bryan Cave

Class Actions, Commercial Litigation, Employment Litigation

John Holstein

Polsinelli Shughart

General Commercial Litigation

Jeffrey Kalinowski

Husch Blackwell Sanders

Appellate, Intellectual Property, Securities

Harvey Kaplan

Shook Hardy & Bacon

Business Litigation, International Litigation, Products Liability

Alan Kohn

Kohn Shands Elbert Gianoulakis & Giljum

Antitrust, Class Actions, Securities

Paul Kovacs

Armstrong Teasdale

Construction Litigation, Health Law, Products Liability

Gary Long

Shook Hardy & Bacon

Class Actions, International Litigation, Products Liability

Christine Miller

Husch Blackwell Sanders

Employment Litigation, Products Liability

John Murphy

Shook Hardy & Bacon

Products Liability

Craig O'Dear

Bryan Cave

Commercial Litigation, Insurance, Products Liability

David Oliver

Berkowitz Oliver Williams Shaw & Eisenbrandt

Class Actions, Complex Commercial Litigation, Securities

Kevin O'Malley

Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale

Products Liability, White Collar Crime



John Phillips

Husch Blackwell Sanders
Employment Litigation

Joseph Rebein

Shook Hardy & Bacon
Antitrust, Class Actions, Complex Commercial
Litigation, Securities

William Sampson

Shook Hardy & Bacon
Antitrust, Business Litigation, Products Liability

Scott Saylor

Shook Hardy & Bacon
Products Liability

Bettina Strauss

Bryan Cave
Products Liability

Michael Thompson

Husch Blackwell Sanders
Business Litigation, Class Actions, Securities

Robert Thompson

Bryan Cave
Class Actions, Commercial Litigation, Products
Liability

James Virtel

Armstrong Teasdale
Class Actions, Health Law, Products Liability, Trade
Secrets

Thomas Walsh

Bryan Cave
Appellate, Commercial Litigation

Lawrence Ward

Polsinelli Shughart
Antitrust, Business Litigation, Class Actions

Charles Weiss

Bryan Cave
Commercial Litigation, Insurance, White Collar
Crime

W Russell Welsh

Polsinelli Shughart
Business Litigation, Intellectual Property, Products
Liability, Trade Secrets

Jerome Wolf

Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal
Antitrust, Construction Litigation, Energy Litigation,
Environmental Litigation

Curtis Woods

Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal
Appellate, Intellectual Property, White Collar Crime

Future stars

Robyn Anderson
Lathrop & Gage

Todd Bartels
Polsinelli Shughart

Sean Colligan
Stinson Morrison Hecker

Lizabeth Conran
Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale

Dan Cranshaw
Lathrop & Gage

Anthony Durone
Berkowitz Oliver Williams Shaw & Eisenbrandt

Gregory Gutzler
Husch Blackwell Sanders

Mark Iba
Stinson Morrison Hecker

Jennifer Kingston
Bryan Cave

Lee Marshall
Bryan Cave

Allison Murdock
Stinson Morrison Hecker

Robert Murray
Kohn Shands Elbert Gianoulakis & Giljum

Thomas Rottinghaus
Polsinelli Shughart

Todd Ruskamp
Shook Hardy & Bacon

Matthew Salzman
Stinson Morrison Hecker

Staci Schorgl
Bryan Cave

Jeremy Shook
Kohn Shands Elbert Gianoulakis & Giljum

James Sullivan
Polsinelli Shughart

Robert Useted
Kohn Shands Elbert Gianoulakis & Giljum

Trent Webb
Shook Hardy & Bacon

Michael Williams
Lathrop & Gage

Paul Williams
Shook Hardy & Bacon



Missouri

Most of Missouri's major litigation firms operate in the economic centers of Kansas City and St. Louis, with most lawyers handling a wide variety of cases due the state's economic diversity. Litigators have noticed a spike in class actions over the last year.

Highly recommended firms

Bryan Cave

Bryan Cave, which is headquartered in St. Louis, enjoys an international reputation. "The firm gets a lot of press," notes a peer. A competitor states "Bryan Cave should be included in any list of top Missouri firms." The firm's St. Louis office has existed since 1873 and represents large international companies in complex commercial litigation. The Jefferson City office serves clients in regulatory matters and its lawyers have represented businesses and individuals in front of the Departments of Economic Development, Health, Natural Resources, Revenue and Social Services. The Kansas City team is noted for its impressive products liability practice.

Dan Ball has served as lead counsel in numerous products liability cases for major corporations in state and federal courts. He focuses on defense work and has represented manufacturers of a wide range of products including railroad equipment, children's products, medical devices and automobiles.

Craig O'Dear concentrates in general commercial litigation and maintains a strong insurance and products liability practice. He is best known for his prosecution and defense of Fortune 500 companies and financial service institutions in high-stakes litigation. He has represented a major telecommunications company in a series of breach of contract lawsuits in federal courts in Michigan, Missouri and Rhode Island.

William Perry Brandt represents accountants, broker-dealers, issuers and underwriters in securities and white-collar criminal investigations. He has extensive experience handling FINRA, NASD, NYSE and AAA arbitrations. He has also appeared before self-regulatory agencies and the SEC. **Robert Hoffman** is highly regarded for his business litigation work. He has successfully represented clients in claims for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, defamation, misrepresentation, unfair competition, and business torts.

Robert Thompson manages the Kansas City office and concentrates in complex commercial and consumer class action litigation. He regularly represents clients in the agribusiness industry. **Charles Weiss** has represented clients in antitrust, construction, products liability and securities disputes.

Rising star **Jennifer Kingston's** practice focuses on the defense and settlement of class

actions. Her clients include corporations like State Farm Insurance Company, Wal-Mart and T-Mobile. **Lee Marshall** specializes in intellectual property litigation and maintains a strong appellate practice. In 2008, Marshall successfully argued an international child-abduction case before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. **Staci Schorgl** garners praise for her work in commercial, employment and products liability litigation.

Husch Blackwell Sanders

Husch Blackwell Sanders enjoys a strong presence in Missouri with offices in Jefferson City, Kansas City, St. Louis and Springfield. The firm's St. Louis headquarters has over 140 litigators and handles a large range of litigation. The firm's intellectual property practice received a boost when it merged with Chicago firm Welsh & Katz in July 2008. In March 2009 the firm attained a victory when the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma granted its client Express Scripts a motion for summary judgment and denied class certification in a case brought by an Oklahoma pharmacist, alleging that Express Scripts breached its contract, committed fraud and violated an Oklahoma statute by failing to apply the correct pricing procedures with respect to the amount it paid to network pharmacies. Applying Missouri law, the Court granted summary judgment on plaintiff's breach of contract claims.

James Griffin has been a partner since 1990 and focuses on class actions, products liability and complex civil litigation. **Jeffrey Kalinowski** is well-known for handling securities and appellate practices. Based out of the Kansas City office, **John Phillips** is adept at handling employment law matters. Notable clients include Dairy Farmers of America, Russell Stover Candies and Hallmark. **Joseph Conran** is the co-chair of the firm's executive and partner boards and serves as lead trial counsel in a variety of business, tort and commercial litigation for Fortune 500 companies and financial institutions. Litigation chair **Christine Miller** is lauded for her work in products liability, employment and commercial litigation. Peers have referred to **Douglas Schmidt** as a "strong trial lawyer." His practice focuses on general commercial matters with a strong emphasis in insurance work. **Greg Gutzler** has developed a notable antitrust, business tort, contract and intellectual property practice.

Polsinelli Shughart

Polsinelli Shughart is the result of a February 2009 merger of Polsinelli Shalton Flanigan Suelthaus and Shughart Thomson & Kilroy. The combination has strengthened the firm's geographical reach and augmented its litigation practice. Based in Kansas City, the firm has litigation teams in New York, Chicago, Denver, St. Louis, Phoenix and Washington, D.C. The firm is highly regarded for its commercial litigation, insurance, transportation, telecommunications and intellectual property practice.

W. Russell Welsh has served as the firm's chief executive officer since 1998 and has been instrumental in the firm's growth. He has extensive trial experience litigating products liability, business tort, trade secrets, commercial and bankruptcy cases. **Russell Jones** has more than 25 years of experience and serves as vice chair of the Intellectual Property Litigation group. He specializes in antitrust, trade secrets, class actions and intellectual property litigation. His clients include local and state governments, corporate directors, banks, not-for-profit entities and telecommunications, software and technology companies. Department chair **Thomas Kokoruda** maintains a reputation as a "leading medical malpractice lawyer." He has experience handling high-stakes litigation. **John Holstein** has a strong commercial practice with a focus on alternative dispute resolution work. He recently represented Missouri Governor Matt Blunt in a complaint involving a sunshine law request and records retention issues.

Rouse Hendricks German May

Comprised of 13 attorneys, Rouse Hendricks German May is praised as a powerhouse boutique. The firm is based in Kansas City and has represented clients through the United States in complex commercial litigation matters. Its class action and telecommunications practice is highly lauded. Representative clients include Kansas City Power & Light, Sprint Nextel and Stamina Products. A competitor has called **Charles German** "an exceptional lawyer." His practice covers class actions, health care, trade secret and white-collar criminal litigation.

Stinson Morrison Hecker

Peers note that the Missouri offices of Stinson Morrison Hecker are strong in litigation. One competitor notes that the firm services "high profile and quality clients" and that the firm's "antitrust and intellectual property practices are accomplished." The firm maintains strong relationships with Fortune 500 companies, not-for-profits, public entities and family-owned businesses. The Kansas City team has been praised for its bankruptcy, employment, environmental and products liability work.

David Everson has successfully represented individuals and companies in antitrust, intellectual property and fraud cases. He has argued before numerous state courts as well as

the Kansas Supreme Court. Everson also litigates white collar, trademark dispute, and pharmaceutical matters.

Recommended firms

Armstrong Teasdale

The St. Louis office of Armstrong Teasdale receives accolades for its “fantastic lawyers.” Throughout the Midwest, the firm is known for its expertise in products liability, securities, intellectual property, construction and general commercial litigation. Armstrong Teasdale represents four of the five major life insurance companies in the state.

Paul Kovacs focuses on construction, medical malpractice and products liability work. He has tried over 300 cases to a jury and in 2008 he secured the second-largest business settlement in Missouri history. **Frank Gundlach** stands out for his products liability and commercial litigation practice. **James Virtel** has tried over 100 class action and commercial litigation cases, including business and shareholder disputes, product cases and electrical contact cases.

Berkowitz Oliver Williams Shaw & Eisenbrandt

Formed in January 1997, Berkowitz Oliver Williams Shaw & Eisenbrandt has established itself as a notable firm with a national presence. The firm primarily represents automotive industry clients in white collar, products liability and insurance defense matters. Major clients include Honda North America, Mazda Motor America, SAFECO Insurance Companies and Kansas City Life Insurance Company. **David Oliver** manages a successful class action practice on the state and federal level. Oliver has served as lead trial counsel in complex commercial cases in California, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts and Missouri. **Lawrence Berkowitz** has 40 years of experience representing clients in antitrust, banking, business tort, class actions and securities matters. Peers also praise his insurance coverage practice. **James Eisenbrandt** receives commendation for his white collar criminal defense work. He has represented individuals and corporations in environmental and health care issues.

Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale

Since the firm’s founding in 1885, Greensfelder Hemker Gale has had a consistently strong litigation practice. The firm specializes in media, intellectual property, environmental and employee-related litigation. **David Harris** manages the firm’s litigation group and represents a large brokerage house in securities class actions. He also handles franchise litigation, antitrust matters and shareholders disputes. **Kevin O’Malley** defends clients against claims of medical malpractice, products liability and federal white collar criminal investigations and actions. His experience stems from his

previous position as a Special Attorney of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the US Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

Kohn Shands Elbert Gianoulakis & Giljum

Kohn Shands Elbert Gianoulakis & Giljum is a strong boutique firm housing a team of 12 litigators in St. Louis. The bulk of the firm’s practice revolves around general commercial litigation, but the firm also defends labor and employment cases. The firm has represented Washington University, Laclede Gas, Major Brands and other clients in Missouri and Illinois. Partner **Alan Kohn** is recognized as a top commercial and legal malpractice attorney. In over 100 cases and 75 appeals, Kohn has represented clients in antitrust, class actions and securities matters.

Lathrop & Gage

Lathrop & Gage has six offices in Missouri dedicated to litigation. A majority of the litigation team operates out of the Kansas City office, the firm’s largest and oldest office. The firm still retains its first-ever client Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway and also represents individuals and companies in business and agricultural litigation. Other notable clients include Ameren Corporation and Premium Standard Farms.

Robyn Anderson manages the firm’s Insurance Practice, and practices insurance defense and ERISA litigation. **Michael Abrams** maintains a strong appellate and commercial litigation practice, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. Litigation Division chair **Brian Fries** is well known for his extensive trial, arbitration and mediation experience. He has achieved major victories in Kansas and Missouri and has defended individuals, insurance companies, telemarketing companies, and other national and international businesses. **Michael Williams** represents employers in labor and employment-related disputes. He also has an active environmental practice.

Lewis Rice & Fingersh

Established in 1909, Lewis Rice and Fingersh has expanded to six offices in Missouri as well as offices in Illinois and Kansas. The firm has success handling banking, class actions, environmental, insurance, products liability and securities issues. The firm’s antitrust group handles matters relating to monopolization, discriminatory pricing, unfair trade practices and illegal tying in multi-district as well as class action cases. The firm also has a strong employment practice dealing with employment discrimination and wrongful discharge litigation.

Shook Hardy & Bacon

Shook Hardy & Bacon boasts a strong international presence and maintains its headquarters in Kansas City along with offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Miami and Washington, D.C. **John Murphy** serves

as chairman of the firm and has counseled ConocoPhillips, Evenflo Company and other corporations in products liability matters. **Harvey Kaplan** chairs the firm’s Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Litigation Division. He has tried cases in nine states and is well known for his defense of pharmaceutical and medical device companies in national products liability litigation. General litigation chair **Joseph Rebein** deals with complex antitrust, contract and securities litigation. **William Sampson** has had success in consumer class action, fraud and securities matters. **Gregory Fowler** co-chairs the firm’s international litigation group and represents clients in cases involving tobacco, pharmaceutical and other products. **Gary Long** remains in the public eye for his service as national counsel to Phillip Morris in high stakes tobacco products liability claims.

Robert Adams has an impressive insurance and products liability practice. **Scott Saylor**’s products liability practice includes a focus on pharmaceutical products and medical devices. **Trent Webb** chairs the firm’s intellectual property litigation division and is knowledgeable in matters of biotechnology and software, telecommunications and global positioning products. Appearing regularly in courts in Kansas and Missouri, **Paul Williams** has a notable products liability practice.

Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal

Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal’s Missouri has established a substantial presence in Missouri, in addition to its national reputation. The firm’s Kansas City and St. Louis offices work closely with the Chicago location. The Missouri team has litigated products liability, environmental cleanup, white-collar criminal defense and class actions matters.

Curtis Woods has been a member of Sonnenschein since 1994 and his practice has an emphasis on antitrust, business torts, intellectual property, RICO and franchise termination matters. He has represented clients before federal and state grand juries across the nation. Founder and former managing partner **Jerome Wolf** handles environmental, antitrust, intellectual property, construction and complex civil and commercial litigation.

Thompson Coburn

Thompson Coburn is known for its prominent Midwest practice and has offices in St. Louis as well as two locations in Chicago and one in Washington D.C. The firm’s Missouri office is the largest in the St. Louis metropolitan area. The firm excels in business, class action, environmental, products liability, and tobacco litigation. Clients include AT&T, Kawasaki Motors, Lorillard Tobacco Company and Union Pacific Railroad.