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## **Education**

- J.D., University of Minnesota Law School, 1985
- B.S., College of St. Thomas, 1982

## **Professional Experience**

- Adjunct Professor – Trial Practice, Insurance Law, Pretrial Litigation; Recipient of the Board of Advocates Faculty Achievement Award 2013
- Class Action & Complex Litigation
- Insurance Coverage & Defense Attorney

## **Admissions**

- Missouri, 1985
- Kansas, 1998
- United States District Court, Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, District of Kansas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth, and Federal Circuits
- U.S. Supreme Court

## **Memberships**

- The Missouri Bar
- The Kansas Bar
- Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association
- Johnson County Bar Association

## **Professional/Civic Activities**

- Co-Founder of Tiger Tasters, a nutritional weekend back pack program for children in Cedar County
- Proprietor of Drake Lake Bed & Breakfast, Stockton Missouri
- Study Buddies, Stockton R-1 School District
- The Victims Center, Springfield, Missouri (Past President)

- Stockton United Methodist Church, Youth Group and Finance Committee

### **Publications/Lectures**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Business and Legal Education Conference in Honor of Veterans - "Managing the Complex Litigation Case and Getting Ready for Trial" (2010)
- Trial Attorneys of America - Class Actions: The Defendant=s Best Friend? (June 2004)
- Southwest Missouri Paralegal Association - Managing the Complex Litigation Case (2002)
- Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City - Women in the Law: Meeting the Challenge, "Women as Litigators - A Trial Lawyer's Perspective" (2002)

### **Representative Cases**

- *In re Taxable Municipal Bonds* (E.D. La. 1995) [executive committee representation of bondholders in securities fraud class action]
- *Centennial Management Services, Inc v. Axa Re*, (D. Kan. 2001) [defense of a reinsurance company in a breach of contract trial]
- *Thrailkill v. Amsted* (W.D. Mo. 2002) [co-lead counsel representation of employees in an employment class action trial]
- *In re Cardizem CD Litigation* (E.D. Mi. 2003) [discovery chair in representation of direct purchasers in an antitrust class action]
- *Smith Danielson Group v. Beef Products, Inc.* (Johnson County, Ks. 2003) [breach of commercial contract trial]
- *Huntsman v. Lester E. Cox Medical Centers* (W.D.Mo. 2004) [defense of hospital in an FDCPA class action and appeal]
- *City of Springfield v. Cingular Wireless, et al.* (W.D. Mo. 2004-2009) [representation of cities in tax collection cases]