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#### PRACTICE AREAS

Insurance Recovery & Counseling
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Product Liability & Tort Litigation
Environmental Law

#### **COURT MEMBERSHIPS**

- Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Western
   District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas

#### **EDUCATION**

University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, J.D., 2018

- Order of the Barristers Honoree
- Missouri Law Review, Associate Editor

# Alana M. McMullin

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Alana McMullin focuses her practice on defending clients in complex insurance disputes, products liability and toxic tort litigation, as well as general liability matters. Alana is also a key member of the Lathrop GPM Civil Rights Insurance Recovery team, which litigates § 1983 civil rights claims on behalf of wrongfully convicted exonerees and has successfully secured millions in settlements for civil rights plaintiffs. As an insurance attorney, Alana analyzes policy terms, counsels clients on handling claims and risks, and negotiates with insurance carriers on behalf of policyholders facing environmental, product liability and other claims. As a litigator, Alana conducts initial case assessments, legal research, drafts pleadings and motions, responds to discovery and keeps clients informed.

In addition to her litigation and insurance experience, Alana's most rewarding work is her pro bono practice. In conjunction with the Midwest Innocence Project, a non-profit based in Kansas City, Alana represents pro bono clients who were wrongfully convicted yet still incarcerated. Alana's advocacy for the wrongfully convicted began in law school when Alana joined the Innocence Project Clinic, where she investigated potential claims of innocence and ascertained their validity.

Alana joined the firm after working as a summer associate in 2017, where she drafted memorandums and pleadings, conducted research, and assisted attorneys on wide array of litigation matters. While in law school, Alana advanced her public speaking, communication and trial skills by winning the Top Oral Advocate Award two years in a row in schoolwide Moot Court Competitions. Likewise, Alana was a member



- Member of National Mock Trial
   Team
- Moot Court, Advocacy Honors
- CALI Awards for Trial Advocacy and Professional Responsibility
- Member of the Elwood L. Thomas
   Inn of Court

University of Central Missouri, B.A. in Political Science, Public Law and Theory, *magna cum laude*, 2015 of the National Moot Court and National Mock Trial teams, competing in the National Trial Competition twice and placing among the top 10 teams in the country. Alana was also a member of the Elwood L. Thomas Inn of Court and was awarded the Order of the Barristers, an honor bestowed upon the top 10 oral advocates of her law school graduating class.

Alana enjoys traveling the world and in law school participated in the London Study Abroad program, where she observed the English legal system and took courses in English Comparative Law and International Business Organizations. In her spare time, Alana is the Commissioner of the Lathrop GPM Bachelor/Bachelorette Fantasy League, which includes attorneys from all practice groups in offices all over the country.

### **Presentations**

- Co-presenter, "The Short Answer to Long-Tail Claims," Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee (ICLC) CLE 2023 Seminar, March 3, 2023
- Co-presenter, "D&O and Transactional Insurance 101," Association of Corporate Counsel Mid-America CLE, August 10, 2022
- Co-presenter, "Risks and Prevention Strategies: Sexual Misconduct Liability," Public Risk Management Association (PRIMA) 2022
   Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, June 7, 2022

#### **Publications**

 Co-Author, "Cos. Should Review Insurance Policies for PFAS Coverage," Law360, June 2, 2021

# Client Alerts And Blog Posts

- Protection for Public Entities Cyber Insurance August 4, 2022
- Sexual Misconduct Liability: Insurance Coverage and Considerations for Public Entities August 1, 2022
- The Intentional Acts Exclusion and Police Brutality October 27, 2021



- When Can You Insist on Your Choice of Defense Counsel Despite the Insurer Paying the Bills? May 7, 2021
- The New Crime Wave: State Efforts to Investigate COVID-19 Related Crimes April 20, 2020
- Don't Let Your Insurance Coverage Go Up in Smoke: Hot Topic Advice From a Cannabis Insurance Broker December 7, 2018

#### In The News

- Law360 Features Alana McMullin and Matthew Jacober on New Law Helping Lamar Johnson Win Missouri Exoneration February 24, 2023
- St. Louis NPR Features Lamar Johnson: Freed After 28 Years In Jail for a Crime He Did Not Commit February 14, 2023
- Missouri Lawyers Media Recognizes 3 Lathrop GPM Attorneys in Their 2022 Up & Coming Awards October 10, 2022
- Law360 Features Article by Ally Cunningham, Sarah Lintecum and Alana McMullin on Insurance Coverage for PFAS June 2, 2021

#### **News Releases**

- Lathrop GPM's Matthew Jacober, Alana McMullin, Alex Brown and Bernie Rhodes Honored as Legal Champions at Missouri Lawyers Awards
  - February 16, 2024
- Lathrop GPM Attorneys Named 2023 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
   December 11, 2023
- Lathrop GPM LLP Secures \$27.4 Million Trial Win for Client Maxus Metropolitan LLC August 4, 2023
- Client Exonerated After Spending Nearly 30 Years in Prison February 28, 2023
- Lathrop GPM Attorneys Named 2022 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers and Rising Stars November 14, 2022



- Three Lathrop GPM Attorneys Honored in Missouri Lawyers Up & Coming Awards August 25, 2022
- Five Recent Law School Graduates Join Lathrop Gage October 8, 2018

## **Professional Affiliations**

- American Bar Association
- Association of Women Lawyers
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar

# Community Involvement

■ Midwest Innocence Project, Pro Bono Work

## Honors

- Missouri Lawyers Media, "Legal Champion Award," 2024
- Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers, "Rising Star," 2022-2023
- Missouri Lawyers Media, "Up & Coming Award," Pro Bono, 2022
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Ross T. Roberts Trial Academy, 2019-2020