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## **PRACTICE AREAS**

Construction Law  
Claims & Risk Management  
Contracts  
Litigation & Dispute Resolution  
Intellectual Property  
Insurance Recovery & Counseling  
Non-Compete, Non-Solicit,  
Trade Secrets & Other  
Restrictive Covenants  
Business Planning

## **INDUSTRIES**

Agribusiness & Food  
Disruptive Technology

## **COURT MEMBERSHIPS**

- Missouri
- Illinois
- Kansas

## **Brian W. Fields**

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Brian has almost 25 years of experience handling complex litigation involving business tort and contract claims, covenants not to compete, intellectual property, patent and copyright infringement, architect and engineer liability, construction litigation, insurance recovery and coverage, products liability cases involving significant property damage and deaths, and disputes involving cryptocurrency assets under U.S. securities laws. He has lead multiple bitcoin and ICO advisor litigation cases. He is a member of the Missouri, Kansas and Illinois Bars.

Brian serves as lead outside general counsel to several companies, including a renowned architecture firm, a leading cookware manufacturer, and freight transportation companies. He provides his clients with practical legal and business advice, litigation avoidance strategies, contract negotiations, insurance and risk management services, and general employment advice. His success has been attributed to his skill in simplifying complex issues into clear, logical arguments.

Brian has represented clients in dozens of federal and state courts throughout the country. He has coordinated the defense of those cases on a national, regional and local basis. He has been involved in several jury trials and first-chaired multiple bench trials, arbitrations, and mediations. He has taken and defended hundreds of depositions and retained experts in multiple disciplines, including engineering (electrical, mechanical, materials), medical, economic, accounting, and fire science. He has successfully argued dozens of dispositive motions and prepared and argued winning appellate briefs to the Kansas Court of Appeals, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth and Fifth Circuits, the



- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

## EDUCATION

University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1996

- *University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Review*, Managing Editor

Bradley University, B.S., Economics & Political Science, *magna cum laude*, 1993

Missouri Supreme Court and the Illinois Court of Appeals.

Brian has served on the firm's Partnership Admission Committee and was a co-leader of the Construction & Design practice group for over five years. He has represented numerous pro bono clients through the Volunteer Attorney Project of Kansas City since 1996.

## Events

- 2019 State of Litigation  
June 6, 2019

## Presentations

- Speaker, "Cryptocurrency: What You Should Know and Why it Matters," 2019 State of Litigation, June 6, 2019
- Speaker, *Regulation of Crypto, Tokens & Initial Coin Offerings*, Kansas City Techweek, October 9, 2018
- Speaker, *Statutory Consumer Protection Actions in Missouri and Kansas*, at KCMBA, June 7, 2017

## Publications

- Co-Author, *Cryptocurrency 101*, Lathrop Gage Legal Alert, April 9, 2018
- Author, *Missouri and Kansas Consumer Protection Acts*, KCMBA Business Litigation Handbook (3d ed.), June 2017
- Author, *Twombly's Plausibility Standard in Product Liability Cases*, Law Journal Newsletters, Product Liability Law & Strategy, June 2009
- Author, *Tendering Claims to Manufacturers & Suppliers*, Law Journal Newsletters, Product Liability Law & Strategy, April 2007
- Author, *Expert Testimony in Products Litigation*, Defense Research Institute, For the Defense, 2003
- Author, *Employer Should Learn Law to Guard Trade Secrets*, Kansas City Business Journal, Oct. 22-28, 1999
- Author, *Attorney-Client & Work Product Privileges Waived When Witnesses Refresh Memory*, 63 UMKC L. Rev. 309, 1994

## In The News

- Kansas City Business Journal: Lathrop Gage Obtains Summary Judgment in Patent Case

March 26, 2012

### News Releases

- Lathrop Gage Obtains Summary Judgment in Surety Dispute  
October 11, 2012
- Lathrop Gage Obtains Summary Judgment in Patent Case  
March 23, 2012
- Product Liability Law & Strategy Features Brian Fields on  
Plausibility Standard Post-Twombly  
June 2, 2009

### Professional Affiliations

- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

### Community Involvement

- Volunteer Attorney Project of Kansas City