



#### KANSAS CITY

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### PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation

### **COURT MEMBERSHIPS**

Missouri

### **EDUCATION**

University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law, J.D., Litigation emphasis, *highest pro* bono honors, 2014

Southern Methodist University, B.A., Political Science; B.A. Corporate Communications & Public Affairs. 2006

# Sara H. Christensen

Pro Bono Attorney | sara.christensen@lathropgpm.com

Sara Hofeditz Christensen works as Pro Bono Attorney for the firm, bringing her experience as a trial lawyer to support the firm's commitment to pro bono and community service. She has experience representing clients in every stage of the criminal defense process, ranging from extensive pretrial preparation, bond reduction and evidentiary hearings, to bench and jury trials, and when necessary, probation violation and revocation hearings.

Prior to joining the firm, she worked as an assistant public defender for the Missouri State Public Defender in Kansas City, where she represented and appeared on behalf of an average caseload of 80 clients, comprising adults and juveniles charged with felonies and misdemeanors in all stages of criminal proceedings at the state level. She teaches Trial Advocacy 1 classes as an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law, instructing and critiquing second-year students in trial skills.

## **News Releases**

- Lathrop GPM Attorneys Named 2023 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers and Rising Stars December 11, 2023
- Lathrop GPM Attorneys Named 2022 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers and Rising Stars November 14, 2022
- Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers Recognizes 30 Lathrop GPM Attorneys
   November 16, 2021
- Lathrop GPM Welcomes Pro Bono Attorney to Kansas City Office May 24, 2021



# **Professional Affiliations**

- Association for Women Layers of Greater Kansas City, 2011 present
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, 2011 present; Bar Leadership Academy, 2016 - 2017; Ross T. Roberts Trial Academy, 2014 - 2015
- Denise Henning Corrections Program, Association for Women Lawyers Foundation 5 Year Mentorship Program, 2017 - present

# Community Involvement

- Country Club Christian Church, Board of Directors, 2019 present
- Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri, 2015 present; Diversity & Inclusion Chair, 2018 - 2020; Action Team Co-Chair, 2017 - 2018
- Johnson County First Amendment Foundation, Board Member,
  2015 present

# **Honors**

- Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers, "Rising Star," 2021-2023
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Thomas J. Conway Award, 2020
- Missouri Lawyers Media, Up & Coming Award, 2019
- Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri, Advancing the Mission Award, 2019