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PRACTICE AREAS

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

INDUSTRIES

Agribusiness & Food
Disruptive Technology

COURT MEMBERSHIPS

- Missouri
- Kansas
- Illinois, Voluntarily Inactive

Brian W. Fields

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Brian has over 25 years of experience handling complex litigation and arbitrations involving business tort and contract claims, commercial construction, freight and transportation, covenants not to compete, intellectual property, patent and copyright infringement, insurance recovery and coverage, architect and engineer liability, products liability, and cases involving cryptocurrency assets. Brian has extensive experience with advising his clients on virtually every aspect of commercial construction projects. He is a member of the Missouri and Kansas bars.

Brian serves as lead outside general counsel to several companies, including a renowned architecture firm, freight transportation companies, and a leading cookware manufacturer. 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, and in numerous domestic and international arbitrations. He has been involved in several jury trials and first-chaired multiple bench trials and large-scale commercial arbitrations. He has taken hundreds of depositions and retained experts in multiple disciplines, including construction, 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.

- 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

Court of Appeals for the Tenth and Fifth Circuits, the 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 several 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

- Kansas City Law Firm Helps American Prestige Brand Emerge from Chapter 11
May 20, 2022
- 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

Honors

- "Partner of the Year," Tallgrass Freight, 2023