



## Brian W. Fields

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### PRACTICE AREAS

Construction Law  
Claims & Risk Management  
Contracts  
Litigation  
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 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