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## **PRACTICE AREAS**

Insurance Recovery &  
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Civil Rights Insurance Recovery  
Litigation

Organizational Misconduct

## **COURT MEMBERSHIPS**

- Illinois
- Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern  
District of Wisconsin
- 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. District Court for the Western  
District of Texas

# Alexander T. Brown

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Alexander Brown has litigated dozens of insurance coverage cases across the country on behalf of some of the largest corporations in the world, in federal and state trial and appellate courts, where hundreds of millions of dollars have been in dispute. Prior to joining the firm, Alex was a member of an international law firm and managed cases for its Global Insurance Sector and Insurance Litigation Practice based in Chicago.

Alex represents several Fortune 500 companies in high-stake lawsuits. Alex has extensive expertise in litigating "third-party" coverage for complicated "long-tail" liability claims from cases involving massive environmental contamination and oil leaks, to institutional sexual abuse and molestation cases, to ongoing false advertising and IP infringement disputes, to class-action lawsuits alleging asbestos, silica, chemical, and even nuclear material exposure. Recently, Alex helped recover over \$150 million for a Fortune 500 company that sustained remediation expenses in connection with a landfill subsurface smoldering event.

In addition, Alex has litigated several high-profile "first party" coverage lawsuits involving complex business interruption claims for cyber liability attacks, hurricanes, fires, floods, and even COVID-related shutdowns.

By far, Alex is proudest of being one of the founders and leaders of Lathrop GPM's Civil Rights Insurance Recovery practice which litigates §1983 civil rights claims on behalf of exonerees who were wrongfully imprisoned. In 2016, working with a team of our attorneys and a civil rights-focused law firm, Alex helped secure a \$20.5 million settlement

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

## EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2010

University of Pennsylvania, B.A., *cum laude*, 2006

## CLERKSHIP(s)

Summer Law Clerk to Chief Judge Kathryn H. Vratil, U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas

for three wrongfully convicted men in Hattiesburg, Mississippi after successfully litigating coverage under a number of law enforcement liability policies issued to Forrest County. In 2019, Alex helped to secure and finalize two of the largest wrongful conviction settlements (which included significant insurance recovery) in U.S. history, including the largest total settlement, over \$60 million, paid to four exonerees, and the largest pre-suit wrongful conviction settlement for a single plaintiff, \$21 million. In all, Alex has helped secure settlements in amounts nearing \$250 million for civil rights plaintiffs.

Alex has been featured in the *American Lawyer*, *Bloomberg Law*, the *National Law Journal*, *Business Insurance*, the *National Insurance Journal*, *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, the *Kansas City Business Journal*, and the *Legalist*. Alex was named a Litigation Trailblazer by the *National Law Journal* (2019) and an Influential Appellate Advocate by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* (2020). In 2020, Alex was awarded the prestigious David J. Dixon Appellate Advocacy Award, an award created by The Missouri Bar Foundation to recognize outstanding achievement in appellate practice by young lawyer members of The Missouri Bar. In addition, Alex has been recognized with an "Up & Coming Award" award from *Missouri Lawyers Media* and was named a Super Lawyer "Rising Star" (Missouri & Kansas) in 2021 and 2022.

Alex graduated *cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania and *cum laude* from the University of Michigan Law School. During his undergrad years, Alex trained to become an outdoor guide and spent three months hiking through the Alaskan wilderness, foraging much of his food. Before law school, Alex spent a year volunteering as an Americorps VISTA in Kansas City helping to provide capital and education to small business entrepreneurs.

## Presentations

- Panelist, "Insurance, Race and Justice," ICLC 2024 CLE Seminar, March 9, 2024
- Co-presenter, "Take the Dive: Risk Pools v. Private Insurance," PRIMA 2023 Annual Conference, June 7, 2023

- Panelist, "Insurance, Race and Justice," 2023 ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference, May 4, 2023
- Presenter, "Virtual CLE: Public Entity Insurance 101," National Police Accountability Project, December 8, 2022
- Podcast Guest, "Getting to Know Jew: Episode 22. Alex Brown," The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle, August 11, 2022
- Co-presenter, "Securing Insurance Coverage for Wrongful Conviction Lawsuits," Public Risk Management Association (PRIMA) Annual Conference, San Antonio, June 6, 2022
- Co-presenter, "The Nuts and Bolts of Insurance for Construction Projects," The Construction Lawyers Society of America Webinar Series, October 21, 2020
- Presenter, "Civil Rights Claims, Public Entities and Insurance Coverage," Risk Insurance Management Society (RIMS) Annual Conference & Exhibition, Boston, 2019
- Co-presenter, "The Growing Trigger Dispute for Civil Rights Claims," Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee (ICLC) Annual Conference, Tuscon, 2019

### Client Alerts And Blog Posts

- Developing Regulatory Considerations for Cannabis-Related Businesses  
July 29, 2021
- Five Insurance Considerations for Cannabis-Related Businesses  
July 21, 2021
- Missouri Federal Court Opens Door to COVID-19 Business Interruption Claims  
August 13, 2020
- Nancy Sher Cohen Covers Trends in Insurance Recoveries Litigation  
September 18, 2019
- Fifth Circuit Holds Multiple Insurers Liable for Civil Rights Lawsuit  
June 11, 2019
- RIMS 2019 – Will We See You In Boston?  
April 12, 2019
- Social Engineering Cyber Coverage: Protecting Your Company from the Human Factor  
August 6, 2018
- ALI's Insurance Law Project  
May 21, 2018

- Insurance Coverage for Civil Rights Abuse Cases: an Introduction to the “Trigger Issue”  
January 19, 2018

## In The News

- Alex Brown cited in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' Cannabis Insurance Working Group  
April 11, 2023
- Washington Post Quotes Alexander Brown On Police Department Insurance Risk Pools  
September 14, 2022
- Kansas City Business Journal Features Successes of Lathrop GPM's Civil Rights Insurance Recovery Team  
July 6, 2022
- Bloomberg Law Quotes Bill Beck and Alex Brown on Wrongful Convictions  
June 21, 2022
- Business Insurance Quotes Alex Brown on Idaho Wrongful Conviction Case  
August 3, 2021
- Insurance Journal Quotes Alexander Brown on Civil Rights Claims and Insurance Coverage  
September 2, 2020
- Legalist's “Rainmaker” Podcast Features Alex Brown  
April 24, 2020
- Business Insurance Quotes Alexander Brown on Insurer's Obligation to Defend Printing Services  
January 23, 2020
- Four Lathrop GPM Attorneys Honored with Missouri Lawyers Awards 2020  
January 23, 2020
- Civil Rights Insurance Recovery Team Featured in The National Law Journal's Litigation Trailblazers Issue  
September 3, 2019
- Missouri Lawyers Weekly Speaks to Mike Abrams on Important Fifth Circuit Opinion  
June 7, 2019
- AmLaw Litigation Daily Speaks to Mike Abrams on Fifth Circuit Opinion  
June 3, 2019

## 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
- 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
- Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers Recognizes 30 Lathrop GPM Attorneys  
November 16, 2021
- Lathrop GPM Partners Receive Missouri Lawyers Media Up & Coming and Mentor Awards  
August 25, 2020
- Lathrop Gage Promotes Four to Partner  
January 3, 2018

## Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association, African American Affairs Section, Criminal Justice Section
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- The Illinois Bar
- The Missouri Bar

## Community Involvement

- Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City, J-LEAD (Jewish Education, Action and Development), Steering Committee
- Smiles Change Lives, Board of Directors
- Global Montessori Academy Board Member
- Ben-Gurion Society (BGS). BGS is a local and national organization formed to recognize young adults who demonstrate community leadership in building a strong and responsible Jewish community.

## Honors

- *Missouri Lawyers Media*, "Legal Champion Award," 2024
- *Ingram's*, "40 Under Forty," Class of 2023
- *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*, "Rising Star," 2021-2023
- The David J. Dixon Appellate Advocacy Award Recipient, The Missouri Bar Foundation, 2020
- Named an "Influential Appellate Advocate" for one of the most significant appellate decisions of the year, *Missouri Lawyers Media*, 2020
- Up & Coming Award Honoree, *Missouri Lawyers Media*, 2020
- *National Law Journal*, "Litigation Trailblazer," 2019
- *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*, Executive Editor
- *Campbell Moot Court*