



# Missouri Chamber Names Kurt Schaefer Freshman of the Year

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Lathrop Gage attorney Kurt Schaefer (Environmental - Jefferson City) was named last week the "Freshman Legislator of the Year" by the Missouri Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber annually selects a legislator who has particularly stood out in their representation of the interests of Missouri employers. This latest distinction is one more award recognizing Mr. Schaefer's work in his first year as a state senator for District 19 -- earlier this fall, he was honored with a 2009 "Legislative Award" from the *St. Louis Business Journal*.

Mr. Schaefer's legal practice focuses on litigation, environmental, health care, governmental relations, administrative, business and public utilities. He is the former General Counsel and Deputy Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Special Counsel to the Governor, Special Counsel to the Missouri Department of Agriculture and Assistant Attorney General.

Mr. Schaefer has litigated bench and jury trials of all kinds and complexities in numerous circuit and federal courts throughout Missouri and elsewhere. He has handled approximately 100 appellate actions before all three districts of the Missouri Court of Appeals and Missouri Supreme Court, and more than 90 administrative proceedings before various state permitting and licensing agencies and the Missouri Public Service Commission. Mr. Schaefer has drafted legislation that has been codified into Missouri law and engaged in state agency rule making.

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