National Law Journal Recognizes Michael Abrams as a 2018 "Litigation Trailblazer"

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Kansas City, MO (Aug. 3, 2018) - ***National Law Journal*** selected Lathrop Gage Partner **Michael J. Abrams** as a 2018 "Litigation Trailblazer." The *National Law Journal* awards this honor to legal professionals who have made significant marks on the practice, policy and technological advancements in their sector, i.e., "agents of change." Among the qualities affording Abrams' this noteworthy honor are his successful track record of exacting justice for exonerated individuals and his procurement of influential decisions rendered in significant areas of the law.

A member of Lathrop Gage's Executive Committee and **Business Litigation** team, Abrams has dedicated more than 25 years to working for clients in a variety of commercial litigation matters and is a pioneer in recovering financial restitution from insurance carriers for state and local governments for wrongfully convicted persons. Abrams is one of the few attorneys in the nation who fights for financial settlements for these individuals by pursuing the insurance carriers of municipalities and government entities that have wrongfully imprisoned them. In 2016, he was a member of the team that won a $16.5 million settlement for the families of three men who spent decades in prison for wrongful convictions. Abrams has also successfully defended and prosecuted jury and bench trials involving business torts, fraud, consumer protection claims, trade secrets, covenants not to compete, and professional liability and insurance coverage. Furthermore, many of his insurance matters have resulted in written decisions in federal court with several cases being cited numerous times in briefs and rulings in courts across the nation.

Abrams' additional honors include being selected to *The Best Lawyers in America* in 2018 in the area of Litigation - Insurance and Trade Secrets Law, named a *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyer* since 2008, and selected as a "Local Litigation Star" by *Benchmark Litigation* 2011, 2013, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

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