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## Litigation & Dispute Resolution Practice Group Directory

## Partners



**Mike Abrams**

Kansas City

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State Bar Admission(s): KS, MO, ND

- Experienced Trial Attorney
- A member of the firm's Business Litigation team
- Business torts, fraud, consumer protection claims, trade secrets, covenants not to compete, professional liability and insurance coverage, construction, tax litigation, real estate litigation, commercial litigation, contract disputes, securities litigation, banking and finance litigation, professional negligence-errors and omissions claims (Accountants/Insurance brokers)
- Civil rights insurance recovery work



**Rick Bien**

Kansas City

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State Bar Admission(s): MO

- Class action defense matters for consumers, financial services, and employee benefits
- Employee benefit plans
- Life, health, and disability claims
- Individual claims and class action defense on ERISA including ESOP, welfare and pension litigation
- DOL matters including ERISA investigations and litigation
- Trust company and financial litigation including IRA custodian and administrator claim defense and response to government investigations



**Emily Cantwell**

St. Louis

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State Bar Admission(s): IL, MO

- Business and financial institution litigation
- Real estate litigation
- Receiverships
- Employment



**Brian Dillon**

Minneapolis

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State Bar Admission(s): MN, ND, WI

- Trust and estate litigation
- Complex commercial litigation
- Shareholder disputes, small business divorce, administrative and regulatory defense
- Internal investigations
- Receiverships



**Andrew Ditlevsen**

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State Bar Admission(s): CA

- Real estate litigation
- Manufactured housing and mobile home park law, including operations and management advice, evictions, administrative matters in rent control jurisdictions, and litigation in state and federal courts involving fair housing and discrimination claims
- Creditor's rights focusing primarily on matters involving enforcement of private lenders' security interests in real estate property, including foreclosure related litigation
- Business litigation, including shareholder and partnership disputes that surround ownership, management and/or development of real estate property



**Steven Ellenberg**  
San Jose  
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State Bar Admission(s): CA

- Court and jury trials
- Business litigation
- Trust and estate litigation
- Real estate litigation



**Amy Erickson**  
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State Bar Admission(s): CO, MN

- Trust and estate litigation including:
  - Administration disputes, will and trust contests, and contested matters of guardianship and conservatorship
- Closely held and family businesses
- Political organizations and election law



**Jeffrey Essner**  
San Jose  
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State Bar Admission(s): CA

- Experienced trial attorney in complex business and real estate disputes
- Expertise in partition and easements disputes
- California Coastal Act disputes



**Pat Fanning**  
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State Bar Admission(s): KS, MO

- Software license and functionality disputes
- Business torts, fraud, and consumer protection act claims
- Technology disputes
- Health care and HIPAA litigation
- Toxic/mass tort
- Tort/nuisance class action defense



**Brian Fries**  
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State Bar Admission(s): KS, MO

- Class actions
- Accounting and professional negligence
- Healthcare litigation
- Complex litigation
- Business and asset acquisition litigation
- Bank defense litigation



**Kate Gasper**  
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State Bar Admission(s): KS, MO

- Breach of contract
- Business torts
- Covenants not to compete
- Professional liability

**Chris Harmoning**

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State Bar Admission(s): MN

- General civil litigation
- Banking
- Construction (contractors and sub-contractors)
- Real estate and land disputes (agricultural, commercial, and utility)

**Matt Jacober**

St. Louis  
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State Bar Admission(s): IL, MO

- Complex commercial litigation
- Financial litigation
- Trust and estate litigation
- Closely held & family business representation

**Billy Jones**

Denver  
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State Bar Admission(s): CO, DC, ND, VA

- Class action defense
- Intellectual property litigation
- Complex civil litigation and business disputes for the following industries:  
Franchise and distribution, manufacturing, real estate, professional services, and brewing and distilling

**Richard Landon**

Minneapolis  
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State Bar Admission(s): MN

- Appellate
- Antitrust and unfair competition claims
- Complex commercial litigation
- Franchise

**Allonn Levy**

San Jose  
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State Bar Admission(s): CA

- Experienced Trial Counsel
- CA Bar Certified Appellate Specialist
- Intellectual property, business torts, trade secrets, fraud cases, partnership disputes, fraudulent transfers, easement disputes, and unfair competition
- Contract, licensing and software disputes, DMCA (anti-circumvention and takedown notices), RICO, personal jurisdiction issues, anti-SLAPP, foreign/sister state judgment recognition, and national security letters
- Real estate litigation, trust and estate litigation, and contempt trials

**Charlie Maier**

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Practice Group Leader  
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State Bar Admission(s): MN, ND, WI

- Business owner and shareholder disputes
- Complex business transaction disputes
- Bet-the-company cases
- Post corporate sale duties, financial discrepancies, earnout disputes, breach of representations / warranties and other issues
- Special Litigation Committees
- Trust, estate, and probate issues
- Product warranty disputes / recalls

**Richard McDonald**

San Jose

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State Bar Admission(s): CA

- Experienced trial and arbitration attorney
- Construction litigation, arbitration, and mediation
- Provides counsel and advice on construction contracts
- Real estate litigation, arbitration, and mediation
- AAA Construction and Commercial Arbitrator and Mediator

**James Moloney**

Kansas City

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State Bar Admission(s): KS, MO, NY

- Contractual disputes
- Class action defense
- Bankruptcy
- Securities
- Distressed debt

**Jehan Kamil Moore**

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State Bar Admission(s): IL, KS, MO

- Business disputes
- Employment litigation
- Breach of contract
- Business torts
- Lender liability
- Loan enforcement
- Class actions and consumer protection claims

**Bernie Rhodes**

Kansas City

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State Bar Admission(s): KS, MO, NY

- Complex commercial, business, and appellate litigation
- Media law
- Intellectual property
- Corporate investigations

**Jay Ross**

San Jose

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State Bar Admission(s): CA

- Commercial real estate dispute litigation, such as disputes involving leases, purchase and sale transactions, property management, partition
- Construction dispute litigation involving commercial property, such as enforcing California statutory payment remedies, defective construction claims, schedule disruption claims; representation of owners, General Contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, etc.
- Financial institutions and creditor's rights litigation, such as enforcing secured loans; enforcing commercial payment obligations; creditor-side bankruptcy
- Business litigation, including contract disputes and disputes between members of corporations, LLCs and partnerships



**Perry Woodward**

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State Bar Admission(s): CA, NV

- Experienced trial attorney
- Complex business and real estate mediations/settlements, trial court litigation, and appeals
- Real estate purchase and sales contracts disputes, failures to disclose, option agreements, rights of first refusal, construction defects, brokerage contracts/compensation, escrows, deeds and legal descriptions, deeds of trust, easements, adjoining land ownership including boundaries, adverse possession/prescriptive easements, subdivisions and lot line adjustments, eminent domain, land use/zoning compliance and governmental enforcement actions, public and private nuisances, landlord-tenant relationships, receiverships and alternative dispute agreements
- Business torts, fraud, shareholder and partnership disputes, consumer protection claims, covenants not to compete, contract and common count disputes, trade secrets, temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions and other pretrial remedies

## Counsel

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**Mark Boennighausen**

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State Bar Admission(s): CA, CO

- More than 30-years of civil trial and appellate practice in both federal and state courts
- Multi-state federal practice includes trade secret, RICO, trademark, copyright and Lanham Act, and class action privacy claims
- State court practice includes trust and estate matters for both trustees and beneficiaries, real estate, commercial litigation, and all species of tort claims
- Appellate experience includes both writ practice and successful Ninth Circuit and California state court appeals



**Sara Christensen**

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State Bar Admission(s): MO

- Pro Bono Attorney
- Juvenile law
- Termination of parental rights defense
- Guardian ad litem representation
- Child abuse and neglect law



**Kathleen Fisher Enyeart**

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State Bar Admission(s): KS, MO

- White collar criminal defense, internal investigations and civil disputes with government
- Healthcare litigation including representing physicians, providers and healthcare executives in business disputes, disciplinary proceedings and related issues
- Complex business disputes
- False Claims Act defense and government contract disputes
- Corporate compliance counseling including privacy counseling and privacy disputes

**Patrick Hickey**

Denver

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State Bar Admission(s): CO, WY

- Commercial and real estate litigation
- Landlord/tenant matters, lease disputes, evictions, securities litigation, limited liability company disputes, boundary disagreements, and breach of contract claims
- Previously represented clients in real estate, construction, securities, and private equity

**Carrie Josserand**

Kansas City

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State Bar Admission(s): KS, MO

- Appellate
- Complex commercial and business litigation
- Class action defense
- ERISA
- Real estate litigation

**Joseph Mark**

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State Bar Admission(s): CO

- Real estate litigation
- Complex commercial and business litigation
- Appellate

**Peter Nissly**

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State Bar Admission(s): CA

- Complex business litigation including shareholder and trade secret disputes
- Real estate litigation
- Trust and estate litigation

**Kate Nolen**

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State Bar Admission(s): MO

- Pro Bono Counsel
- Juvenile law
- Termination of parental rights defense
- Guardian ad litem representation
- Child abuse and neglect law

**David Powell**

Kansas City

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State Bar Admission(s): KS, MO

- Complex commercial litigation
- Contract, lease, and business tort disputes
- Class action defense (extensive experience in fiber optic right of way)
- Creditors' rights litigation
- Class 1 railroad disputes (ISS, CHDX, SSDX, REN)

**Caroline Sayers**

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State Bar Admission(s): CA

- Complex business litigation
- Corporate and real estate transactions
- Counseling and advising clients
- International experience with the following matters:
- Commercial contract disputes, unfair competition, commercial fraud, trademark, auditor liability, and application of the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act



**Rachel Stephens**  
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 State Bar Admission(s): KS, MO

- Commercial litigation
- Class actions involving:
- Consumer protection claims, trespass and nuisance claims brought against telecommunications companies, and toxic tort litigation
- FINRA arbitrations and mediations



**Lauren Wacker**  
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 State Bar Admission(s): MO

- Complex commercial litigation
- Business tort and contract disputes
- Real estate litigation
- Tort litigation
- Eminent domain law
- Appellate

## Associates



**David Archer**  
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 State Bar Admission(s): MN

- Complex commercial litigation
- Franchise litigation
- Real estate litigation



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 State Bar Admission(s): MO

- Business and financial institution litigation
- Partnership disputes and business separation
- Real estate litigation
- Restrictive covenant litigation
- Receiverships



**Lucas Coe**  
 San Jose  
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 State Bar Admission(s): CA

- Commercial litigation matters, primarily involving contract disputes
- Previously represented clients in litigation pertaining to construction, personal injury, contract, and professional liability law



**Emily Ditzler**  
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 State Bar Admission(s): MN

- Previously worked as a Judicial Extern for the Honorable Francis Connolly at the Minnesota Court of Appeals
- Spent their 2L Summer with Lathrop GPM working on complex litigation issues, trust and estate litigation, among other research/drafting projects



**Emma Halling**  
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State Bar Admission(s): KS, MO

- Complex commercial litigation
- Consumer protection claims
- Contract review and disputes
- Section 1983 litigation
- Appeals
- Franchise litigation



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State Bar Admission(s): CA

- Misdemeanor jury trials
- Preliminary hearings
- Officer, witness, and victim interviews



**Jackson Hobbs**  
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State Bar Admission(s): KS, MO

- Trial attorney
- White collar defense and investigations
- Complex commercial, business, and appellate litigation
- Bet-the-company business disputes



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State Bar Admission(s): IL, MO

- Trust and estate litigation
- Probate
- Business and financial institution litigation
- Real estate litigation



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State Bar Admission(s): CA

- Commercial and business litigation
- Real estate litigation
- IP litigation



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State Bar Admission(s): CA

- Commercial litigation
- Trust and estate
- Labor and employment
- Financial institutions and creditors rights
- Real estate
- Fraud



**Brooke Parsons**  
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State Bar Admission(s): IL, MO

- Business tort and contract claims
- Complex commercial litigation
- Appellate
- Media

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 State Bar Admission(s): MN, MO

- Complex commercial litigation
- Business transaction disputes
- Franchise
- Business tort and contract claims

**Brody Sabor**

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 State Bar Admission(s): KS, MO

- Appellate experience includes direct appeals, post-conviction appeals, and habeas corpus petitions
- Post-judgement trial litigation

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 State Bar Admission(s): IL, MO

- Commercial litigation
- Business disputes
- Distressed debt

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 State Bar Admission(s): IL, MO

- Complex commercial litigation
- Financial institution litigation
- Real estate litigation
- Nuisance litigation

**Elizabeth Weber**

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 State Bar Admission(s): CA

- Real estate litigation
- Previously worked as a Major Fraud Unit Law Clerk at the Santa Clara County, Office of the District Attorney

## Senior Counsel

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**Mike Cunningham**

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 State Bar Admission(s): MN

- General business and civil litigation
- Trust and estate litigation
- Higher educational institution representation



**Susan Gaertner**  
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State Bar Admission(s): MN

- Qualified Neutral in alternative dispute resolution proceedings
- White-collar matters including allegations of mail fraud, wire fraud, and visa fraud
- Civil and criminal tax matters
- Religious and nonprofit organization defense
- Health law



**David Lively**  
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State Bar Admission(s): CA

- Construction
- Real Estate
- Commercial litigation and transactions



**Jim Moeller**  
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State Bar Admission(s): MO

- Environmental litigation including Superfund cases, nuisance, blasting, and other land use cases
- Technology litigation including hardware and software cases involving ERPs, EHR systems, and others
- Construction litigation including cases involving complex manufacturing and power plant
- General commercial litigation



**Tom Murray**  
Overland Park  
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State Bar Admission(s): KS

- Commercial litigation, employment litigation (represents Defendants), and lender liability litigation (represents lenders and their executives)
- Serves as an expert witness in legal malpractice claims and lender liability claims



**Curt Tideman**  
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State Bar Admission(s): IA, KS, MO

- Complex commercial contracts
- Labor and employment
- Trade secrets and covenants not to compete
- Banking litigation including debtor/creditor rights
- Healthcare business disputes
- Insurance defense and coverage issues
- Personal injury
- Trust and estate litigation

## Paralegals



**Shelly Buchanan**  
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- Experienced trial paralegal
- Business disputes
- Civil litigation
- Environmental tort
- Employment litigation



**Mariellen Facchino**

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- Commercial litigation
- Creditors' rights
- Bankruptcy
- Construction
- Environmental
- Intellectual property
- Real estate litigation



**Jack Hutchings**

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- Commercial litigation
- Real estate litigation



**Brittany Justice**

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- Business tort and contract claims
- Commercial litigation
- Labor and employment litigation
- Trust and estate litigation
- Commercial construction



**Michael Kubota**

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- Responsible for document management through e-discovery platforms and other systems
- Production of documents both formally and informally.
- Assisting with drafting and formatting motion, pleadings and filings
- Preparing for and assisting with depositions
- Interacting with clients both in person and remote, for purposes of document collection or other reasons
- General technical support, particularly with preparation of documents and other files



**Roxie Leff**

Denver

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- Complex civil litigation and business disputes for the following industries:
  - Franchise and distribution, real estate, professional services, breach of contract
- Labor and employment litigation
- Construction defect/CDARA



**Heather Mitchell**

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- Discovery and deposition preparation
- Defense litigation



**Andrea Stewart**

San Jose

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- Creditors' rights, construction, intellectual property, real estate litigation, and general commercial litigation
- Involved in all aspects of commercial litigation in state and federal courts, including drafting pleadings, preparation of discovery, and trial preparation