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Areas of Practice

- Fiduciary Litigation
- Guardianships and Guardianships
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Probate and Trust Administration

Education

- University of Missouri - Columbia
J.D., cum laude, 1985
Missouri Law Review
Order of the Coif honor society
- University of Missouri - Columbia
Master of Business
Administration, 1985
Beta Gamma Sigma Business
Honor Society
- University of Missouri – Columbia
Bachelors of Industrial
Engineering, 1981
Tom Bott's Award

Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- Kansas

Experience

Dan focuses his practice on fiduciary litigation, probate administration, adult and minor guardianships, and mediation in cases throughout Missouri and Kansas. Mr. Wheeler served as a Probate Commissioner for the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri for more than fourteen years.

As Probate Commissioner, he presided over family and fiduciary disputes in trust and probate matters, including fiduciary litigation, complex trust litigation, discovery of assets actions, surety claims and general probate administration in decedent, guardianship and conservatorship estates.

He has been chosen to be the probate presenter at the annual Missouri Judicial College for the past twenty-three years, and also presents annually at the conference of the Missouri Association of Probate & Associate Circuit Judges. He speaks regularly at the Missouri Bar annual meeting as well as numerous continuing legal education seminars for the Missouri Bar, the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

Prior to joining the bench, Mr. Wheeler was engaged in private practice in the area of probate litigation and administration matters. He has tried thirty-three jury trials to completion, of which twenty-seven were in the probate division of the circuit courts. He is licensed in the states of Missouri and Kansas, and has completed the mediation training requirements of the Missouri Supreme Court.

Mr. Wheeler received a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Missouri - Columbia in 1981. While an undergraduate student, he was a captain of the University's cross-country and track teams, and he was a recipient of the Tom Bott's Award, the senior track leadership award. He received a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Missouri in 1985, where he was a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society. He received his law degree, cum laude, from the University of Missouri in 1985, and he was a member of the Missouri Law Review and the Order of the Coif honor society.

Distinctions

- Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)
- Awarded the "Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers* for Litigation - Trusts and Estates in Kansas City and Trusts and Estates in Kansas City, multiple years

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers* from 2020-2026 in the following fields:
 - Litigation - Trusts and Estates
 - Trusts and Estates
- Selected for inclusion in Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers, 2017-2025

Affiliations

- The Missouri Bar
 - Past Chair, Probate & Trust Division
 - Member, Annual Meeting Planning Committee
- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
 - Member, Fiduciary Litigation Committee
 - Member, State Laws Committee
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association