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Areas of Practice

- ◆ Fiduciary Litigation
- ◆ Probate, Trust & Estate Administration
- ◆ Guardianships & Conservatorships
- ◆ Alternative Dispute Resolution

Education

Saint Louis University
School of Law
J.D., magna cum laude, 2004
Alpha Sigma Nu
Jesuit Honor Society
Order of the Woolsack
Managing Editor, Saint Louis
University Public Law Review
Dean's List
Academic Excellence Award:
Constitutional Law
Legal Profession
Jurisprudence
Truman State University
B.S., Biology, 2000

Bar Admissions

Missouri, 2004
Illinois, 2005

Experience

John protects individual and business clients, diligently working toward the best possible outcome in all of their legal matters. Focused in the area of trust and fiduciary litigation, John was recently named as the 2018 Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers for Trust and Estates Litigation. John serves clients by providing counseling, advice, and litigation support on matters relating to fiduciary relationships, will and trust contests, and all other disputes arising from asset transfer.

While John is fully prepared to proceed through trial, he understands the value of alternative dispute resolution and is fully versed in utilizing mediation and arbitration to obtain favorable results for clients

Distinctions

- Awarded the 2018 "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers for Litigation - Trusts and Estates in St. Louis
- Included on the "Under 40 Hot List" by Benchmark Litigation from 2016-2018
- Chosen as a "Future Star" by Benchmark Litigation, 2015, 2018-2019
- Recognized by Best Lawyers in the following fields:
 - Commercial Litigation, 2012-2018*
 - Litigation - Trusts and Estates, 2012-2018*
- Selected for inclusion in Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers, 2013-2018
- Named "Rising Star" by Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers, 2011-2012
- Intern for The Honorable E. Richard Webber, Eastern District of Missouri

Affiliations

The Missouri Bar

Chair, Electronic Wills Subcommittee

Chair Elect, Fiduciary Litigation Committee

Member, Annual Meeting Planning Committee

Member, Estate, Trust, and Elder Law Institute Committee

Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

state Planning Council of St. Louis