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Practices

Business Litigation

Securities Litigation

Class Actions

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PARTNER

Mike represents corporations and officers and directors in litigation in federal and state courts throughout the nation including numerous class actions. A substantial part of his practice focuses on shareholder litigation including securities fraud, derivative actions, and fiduciary duty claims against officers and directors of both public and private companies. He also has consulted with boards of directors regarding corporate governance and the fiduciary duties of directors. Mike currently serves as the firm's Co-General Counsel.

Representative Experience

- Won judgment for controlling shareholder in Delaware Chancery Court trial of challenge to fairness of transaction for sale of public company
- Won summary judgment in securities fraud class action against directors of public energy company
- Won summary judgment in class action suit alleging breach of fiduciary duty by IRA custodian
- Represented board of directors in suit seeking injunction of tender offer for public company
- Secured dismissal of fiduciary duty claims against corporate director by bankruptcy trustee
- Represented corporate taxpayer in successful appeal of adverse Tax Court judgment
- Won summary judgment for bank director to obtain coverage under bank D&O policy

Awards & Recognitions

- *Benchmark Litigation*, Local Litigation Star, 2011-2012
- *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*, Business Litigation, 2010-2011

Professional Associations & Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar
- University of Missouri Law Society

Admissions

- Missouri, 1971
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 1993
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 2003
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 1974

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, 1995
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1977
- U.S. Tax Court, 2000

Education

- J.D., University of Missouri - Columbia School of Law, *cum laude*, 1971
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Missouri Law Review, Note and Comment Editor
- B.S., Central Methodist College, 1967