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OVERVIEW

Russell champions Missouri businesses as both lobbyist and attorney on federal issues.

Russell lobbies Congress and federal agencies in order to clarify client issues or to smooth paths toward favorable legislative or regulatory outcomes. His legal work focuses on representing businesses in Missouri with extensive federal contracts, particularly scientific, research and development agreements in the military, energy and health fields. He also counsels clients who are interested in the federal government's programs for small businesses owners. Russell helps small businesses secure loans and maneuver the myriad requirements to successfully secure government contracts. In addition, he addresses concerns and seeks favorable solutions for businesses – large and small – facing adverse federal regulatory issues and has assisted in securing H2B visas.

Clients rely on the connections and institutional knowledge that Russell cataloged during more than three decades of government service before joining the firm, including serving as general counsel for the Committee on Small Business of the U.S. House of Representatives. He understands and uses the intricate interplay of personalities as well as the “how” and “why” of committee and regulatory procedures to lead clients to successful outcomes.

Industry

Real Estate, Development & Construction

Services

Government Contracts

Government Solutions

Public Policy, Regulatory & Government Affairs

Experience

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE – COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS – GENERAL COUNSEL

- As general counsel, provided oversight of Small Business Administration (SBA) and other federal contract and procurement programs.
- Managed investigations and program audits as general counsel for Committee on Small Business for U.S. House of Representatives; also prepared committee hearings, drafted bills and amendments, and assisted in rules committee and House floor debates.
- As subcommittee staff director and counsel, led the procurement subcommittee, with jurisdiction over billions of dollars of federal acquisitions; also reauthorized and expanded Small Business Innovation Research Program, a \$2 billion effort to nurture new technology and move it into private manufacturing and production.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF ADVOCACY

- Prepared office positions on all legislative and regulatory tax policy issues, including regulatory challenges under Regulatory Flexibility Act, as assistant chief counsel for Office of the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the SBA.
- Prepared comment letters on proposed administration policy statements and testimony for congressional hearings.
- Participated in key national events, including White House Conference on Small Business and annual Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Small Business Capital Formation Forum.

CONGRESSIONAL GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS

- Developed and implemented legislative strategy in issue areas, including tax, business, budget and financial services as Legislative Assistant for Rep. Ike Skelton of Missouri.
- Coordinated Rep. Skelton's oversight and involvement with federal business development programs, appropriations and procurement contracts in Missouri.
- Served as Chief of Staff for U.S. Rep. Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas, managing her Washington and district offices.

Recognition

- Small Business Council of America Special Appreciation Award, 2011

Education

- L.L.M., University of Missouri-Kansas City
 - Taxation
- J.D., University of Tulsa College of Law
- B.S.B.A., University of Kansas

Admissions

- Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri
- Oklahoma
- District of Columbia
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. Federal Claims Court

Clerkship

- 16th Judicial Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri

Community Leadership

- United States Foundation for the Commemoration of the World Wars, Board of Directors, 2018-present



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