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OVERVIEW

Tanya helps businesses navigate complex disputes with a focus on finding practical solutions that make sense not only legally, but for the business as a whole. A commercial litigator with particular depth in the healthcare industry, she represents clients in disputes involving contracts, business torts, consumer fraud, injunctive relief, managed care, pricing and reimbursement, and professional board licensure across multiple jurisdictions.

Tanya works with businesses of all sizes, from companies with sophisticated in-house legal teams to those with business professionals working directly with outside counsel. Clients include healthcare providers, pharmacy benefit managers, nursing homes, practitioners, surgery centers, and other businesses connected to the healthcare industry. She handles matters from initial pleadings through resolution and every stage in between, including the complex discovery and eDiscovery demands that often accompany significant litigation.

Tanya approaches every dispute by identifying what is truly at stake—whether operations, finances, relationships, reputation, or any combination thereof—and works with clients to understand those broader considerations and develop a strategy designed around the client's objectives.

Industry

Healthcare

Services

340B Drug Pricing Program
Class Action Defense
Commercial Litigation
False Claims Act
Healthcare Litigation
Healthcare Operations
Healthcare Providers
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
Pharmacy
Post-Acute Care

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Tanya helps clients assess legal and business alternatives, weigh their consequences, and choose a practical path forward. When litigation is necessary, she pursues efficient and economical solutions that seek to minimize business disruption.

Known for clear, actionable advice, Tanya works effectively with in-house legal teams and business leaders alike. She takes ownership, stays engaged in the details, and guides matters through to resolution. This approach has helped Tanya become a trusted adviser to many long-standing clients, helping them address not only individual disputes, but also the broader legal and business considerations surrounding them.

Tanya also is committed to pro bono service. She has handled guardianship actions involving minors and adults, and has argued before the Missouri Court of Appeals. Today, she oversees associates handling guardianship matters as part of the firm's pro bono work. Before joining the firm, Tanya worked as a policy specialist at the Missouri Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare.

Featured Experience

Jury Returns Complete Defense Verdict in Wrongful Death Lawsuit Against Anesthesia Provider

The children of a patient who died during surgery brought a wrongful death lawsuit against a hospital and the anesthesia provider. Plaintiffs alleged that the certified registered nurse anesthetist was improperly monitoring the patient during surgery and her negligence led to the patient's death. The hospital was later dismissed from the action. Tanya and the team defended the anesthesia provider in a week-long jury trial, putting on witnesses and experts to refute the allegations. The jury returned a complete defense verdict.

Experience

HEALTHCARE

- Represented a healthcare industry PBM in a multi-forum dispute resulting in vacatur of a substantial arbitration award based on newly discovered evidence achieved through diligent and creative discovery tactics that revealed the opposing party's fraud in the underlying proceeding.
- Obtained complete defense verdict after week-long trial where patient alleged neurological injuries and brain injury as a result of anesthesia care provided to him.

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Experience

- Defeated insurance company's challenge to the handling of prescription drug guarantees and 340B claims under pharmacy benefit management agreement.
- Achieved full dismissal of claims brought against pharmacy benefit manager due to ERISA preemption.
- After several years of litigation and targeted discovery, obtained full voluntary dismissal of plaintiffs' claims of improper dispensing of prescription drugs due to plaintiffs' conduct discovered throughout the course of the case.
- Negotiated favorable resolution of claims against a skilled nursing facility by utilizing key documents and investigation to highlight plaintiff's and family's own conduct contributing to result.
- Procured favorable settlement when audit revealed pharmacy engaged in numerous business practices that violated its provider agreement with pharmacy benefits manager. Parties agreed to resolve dispute, and client secured consent judgment for full outstanding balance plus interest as security if pharmacy defaults on its payment obligations.
- Won arbitration award for pharmacy benefits manager in action to recover money for fraudulent claims submitted by pharmacy.
- Achieved full dismissal of mail order pharmacy from case alleging improper dispensing of prescription drugs based on admissions obtained during doctor's deposition.
- Defeated former network pharmacy's request for preliminary injunctive relief that would have forced client to recontract with pharmacy after client learned that pharmacy's actions knowingly breached contract.

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Experience

- Obtained a successful jury verdict for a skilled nursing facility in a wrongful death suit. An 88-year-old resident had fallen while unattended in her room. She suffered a fractured leg, wounds, and infection, and passed away three months later. The plaintiff--the resident's daughter--alleged that the injuries and death were due to inadequate staffing, lack of oversight and poor care, and sued for $1.8 million. After a week-long trial, the jury returned a complete defense verdict in the facility's favor.
- Obtained several favorable results in administrative hearings on behalf of skilled nursing facilities.
- Successfully protected healthcare client from a multi-million dollar demand by strategic dismantling of threatened litigation allegations before filing.
- Resolved medical board matter with a complete dismissal and no action taken against the client.

COMMERCIAL DISPUTES

- Successfully challenged potential TCPA suit prior to litigation based on pursing targeted investigation into allegations showing potential plaintiff could not succeed.
- Negotiated favorable settlement and legal fees for international packaging company in federal court involving claims of breach of contract, unjust enrichment and declaratory judgment action.
- Secured favorable resolution for commercial client in litigation involving a post-closing dispute concerning a multimillion-dollar asset purchase agreement.
- Obtained favorable resolution for business client in litigation stemming from former member's misuse of company information.
- Counseled medical technology company through negotiations with European manufacturer to resolve multiple complex and sensitive disputes under foreign law while preserving ongoing business relationship.

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Experience

OTHER

- Secured significant win from the Missouri Supreme Court affirming state law that barred eminent domain condemnations “for solely economic development purposes.”
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of pro bono client in federal civil rights case alleging client and other defendants failed to train, monitor and supervise police officer who engaged in activities that violated plaintiffs' civil rights. Client was dismissed on basis of quasi-judicial immunity and on the merits before a trial that resulted in multimillion-dollar verdict against remaining parties.

Recognition

- *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, 2018 Up & Coming Lawyer
- Association of Corporate Counsel, Value Champion, 2017
- Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, Pro Bono Award, 2015
- Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers, Health Care, Rising Star, 2014-2021
- Missouri Bar Pro Bono Wall of Fame, 2012-2014

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Education

- J.D., University of Missouri School of Law
  - *magna cum laude*
  - Board of Advocates, Judging Director
  - CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Civil Procedure and Estates & Trusts
  - Fred L. Howard Award for Excellence in Advocacy
  - *Missouri Law Review*, Associate Managing Editor
  - Order of the Barristers
  - Order of the Coif
  - William M. Howard Award in Legal Research and Writing
- M.P.A., University of Missouri Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs
  - Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society
- B.A., Truman State University
  - Political Science
  - *cum laude*

Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

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Community Leadership

- Young Friends of the APA
- Griffiths Leadership Society for Women
- Ready Readers



2025 Pro Bono Contributor

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