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OVERVIEW

Tana focuses her practice on mass tort and product liability issues, with a small business as background.

Tana grew up along the Black River of southeast Missouri, where her parents still run a canoeing and camping business. Government water testing and compliance was a component of the family operation, and she learned from a young age that while many people enjoyed the water, they all had different ideas of how to do so.

She now helps clients such as Fortune 500 and insurance companies with mass tort, premises liability and product liability matters. Her assistance includes advising on case settlement values, taking witness depositions and counseling on expert retention strategies. When settlement negotiations are not reached, Tana strategizes on drafting and arguing motions for jurisdictional and scientific defenses in St Louis city courts.

Clients appreciate Tana’s experience and her client-first responsive approach: she will collaborate with them to find best solutions for complex challenges.

Industries

Manufacturing
Technology
Transportation

Services

Asbestos Litigation
Complex Torts (CXT)
Product Liability

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Experience

- Engaged in settlement negotiations and settled numerous cases under value and exceeding client expectations.
- Managed hundreds of complex toxic tort cases.

Recognition

- *Benchmark Litigation*, Future Star, 2025 and 2026
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2025
- *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*
    - Rising Star, 2024-2025

Education

- J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law
- B.S., University of Missouri
    - with honors

Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois

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Community Leadership

- BAMSL Women In the Law Profession – Dress for Success Suit Drive, coordinator/organizer; scholarship fund development and fundraising
- BAMSL High School Mock Trial, volunteer judge
- Defense Research Institute – Dress for Success Suit Drive, collections coordinator

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*Contact Tana to set up an in-person consultation by appointment in the St. Louis office.

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