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OVERVIEW

Vicki draws on nearly four decades of litigation experience to represent clients in complex commercial matters.

Vicki represents clients at all stages of general commercial litigation in both state and federal courts, as well as in mediation and arbitration, across a wide variety of industries. Her experience includes real estate and construction matters, trust disputes, employment litigation, trademark infringement litigation, contract-related and other business disputes, defamation, product liability and bankruptcy. She also previously served as Assistant Attorney General for Missouri, where she oversaw major consumer fraud cases.

Alongside her litigation work, Vicki has also provided business formation counseling, contract drafting and negotiation, and general legal advice on a variety of business needs. While she currently focuses her practice primarily on litigation, her prior business counseling experience helps her understand the inner workings of clients' businesses and gives her a fuller perspective on the contracts—and the business needs behind them—that are often at issue in litigation.

With a passion for legal strategy and writing, Vicki became a litigator in order to use her skills to help clients navigate what can be a hard-to-understand justice system. Vicki thrives on the client communication inherent in her work, and clients appreciate her regular updates. She's known as a highly practical attorney who strives to be both realistic and upfront with clients about the costs and risks of litigation, even when the client is likely to prevail. Her

Industry

Real Estate, Development, & Construction

Services

Antitrust & Competition

Antitrust Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Construction Litigation

False Claims Act

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

State Attorneys General Practice

Trust, Estate, & Fiduciary Litigation

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aim is always to achieve the result that's truly in the client's best interests and that best aligns with business goals and needs.

Experience

- Played lead role in litigating multimillion dollar trust dispute, successfully resolving it through mediation.
- Won summary judgment for corporate client defending trademark infringement lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri; held judgment on appeal to the Eighth Circuit; successfully opposed appellant's petition for writ of certiorari to U.S. Supreme Court.
- Represented NFL client in employment litigation that included successful appeal to the Missouri Supreme Court, resulting in the enforcement of arbitration clause in employment agreement.
- Primarily responsible for briefing successful appeal to the Missouri Supreme Court that resulted in clarification of rule relating to when the identification of a consulting expert constitutes a waiver of work product protection.
- While Assistant Attorney General for the State of Missouri, served as lead attorney in one of the largest consumer fraud cases ever prosecuted by the state, resulting in establishment of substantial compensation fund for Missouri residents who had been defrauded by nationally operated exterminating company.
- Participated on team representing client as debtor in what was then the largest Chapter 11 bankruptcy ever filed in the Eastern District of Missouri; won favorable results for client in each claim dispute tried to the court.
- Represented shareholder client in action for corporate dissolution and breach of fiduciary duty and motion for appointment of corporate custodian, which resulted in a successful settlement and purchase of client's shares.
- Counseled non-profit client in connection with multimillion dollar construction litigation and related matters.

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Experience

- Represented individual and related entity clients, as plaintiffs and as defendants, in multiple cases involving alleged fraud in real estate sales and related loans, resulting in successful settlements and loan work-outs.
- Played substantial role in representing dentist client in litigating product claims against manufacturer of dental products, resulting in multimillion dollar settlement.

Recognition

- Martindale-Hubbell rated AV Preeminent, 2000-present
- Missouri Kansas Super Lawyers, 2016-2024
- *The Best Lawyers in America®*
    - Franchise Law, 2016-2027
    - Litigation – Banking and Finance Law, 2016-2027

Education

- J.D., Harvard Law School
- B.A., University of Missouri
    - *magna cum laude*

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Admissions

- Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit



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