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### **Background**

Michael is a graduate of Washington University School of Law earning his Juris Doctor. There he was a member of the Order of Barristers. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics from Lake Forest College in Illinois, where he was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

He is admitted to practice in the states of Missouri and Illinois. He is also admitted to practice in the U.S. District Courts for both the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri and the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Michael is a member of the American Bar Association (Litigation Section), as well as the Missouri and Illinois Bar Associations and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. In addition, he is a member of the National Italian American Bar Association of Missouri.

### **Representative Cases**

- *Whittlestone, Inc. v. Handi-Craft Company*, 618 F.3d 970 (9th Cir.2010)
- *Union Electric Company v Hartford Casualty*, 203 S.W.3d 777 (Mo. App. 2006)
- *Chesterfield Village, Inc. v. City of Chesterfield*, 64 S.W.3d 15 (Mo. banc 2002)
- *State of Missouri et rel. Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission*, 62 S.W.3d 485 (Mo. App. E.D. 2001)
- *Deborah Nooney, et al. v. Gregory J. Nooney*, 959 S.W.2d 945 (Mo. App. E.D. 1998)
- *Hoffman v. City of Town & Country*, 831 S.W.3d 223 (Mo. App. E.D. 1982)
- *Gregory v. Corrigan*, 685 S.W.2d 840 (Mo. banc 1985)
- *Briner Electric Company v. Sachs Electric Company*, 680 S.W.2d 737 (Mo. App. 1984)
- *Inland U.S.A., Inc v. Reed Stenhouse, Inc. of Missouri*, 660 S.W.2d 727 (Mo. App. E.D. 1983)