



W. Perry Brandt

SENIOR COUNSEL IN KANSAS CITY, MO

Perry joined Sandberg Phoenix in 2023 and is a member of the Business Litigation practice group. Since 1977, Perry has acted as lead trial counsel in all types of complex business and commercial litigation in state and federal courts across the nation, as well as before various governmental agencies and arbitration panels. Perry has handled dozens of trials during that time. Perry's experience spans a number of industries and types of proceedings, and he has achieved many summary judgments and other favorable resolutions prior to trial. During his career Perry has counseled many boards of directors, management teams and legal departments regarding litigation, business and regulatory matters, and risk avoidance.

Perry has particular experience in class, shareholder derivative and multi-plaintiff litigation, including Multi District Litigation. He has substantial experience in the area of securities litigation, having represented issuers, underwriters, investment bankers, accountants and broker-dealers in connection with alleged securities law and related claims. Perry also has represented clients in connection with government investigations, disciplinary actions and enforcement proceedings commenced by self-regulatory agencies and state securities commissioners, as well as before the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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SERVICES

Class Actions

Commercial Litigation

Employment Litigation

Fiduciary & Trust Litigation

Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith

Labor & Employment Counseling

Product, Asbestos & Toxic Tort
Liability

INDUSTRIES

Brokers / Dealers & Financial
Advisors

Government

Insurance Litigation

Perry has represented many boards of directors and special committees in derivative actions and other matters. Perry has also represented clients in connection with white collar criminal proceedings and internal investigations, and has led a number of corporate internal investigations. In addition, Perry has defended other class action litigation, including numerous antitrust lawsuits. He further has handled a substantial amount of employment litigation, defending against claims of race, sex and age discrimination as well as claims involving the ADA, FMLA and claims of sexual harassment. Perry also has represented banks and other financial institutions in lender liability litigation.

Perry is listed on the Roster of Arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association and on the Western District of Missouri list of outside mediators. He also has acted as an independent mediator and special master on numerous occasions.

Perry is extremely involved in a number of bar, civic, educational and charitable organizations; among these activities, he has served as General Counsel to the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, and as a member of the Missouri Bar Board of Governors. He also recently served as President of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, and currently serves on the Board of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Foundation. He also has served as a member of the Vanderbilt University Board of Trust, and as President of the Vanderbilt University Alumni Association. He currently serves on the Vanderbilt Law School Board of Advisors, and has received Vanderbilt's prestigious Alumni Volunteer Award. He also has served as Board Chair of Wayside Waifs and as President of DeLaSalle Charter High School. He has been honored as one of Kansas City's Most Powerful Business Leaders, and as Dean of the Trial Bar by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Represented the former President of the United States in a civil jury trial.

Represented numerous public companies in shareholder, antitrust, consumer and other class actions.

Represented boards of directors in numerous shareholder derivative actions.

Represented special committees in numerous derivative actions.

Represented broker-dealer in multi-plaintiff federal court lawsuit alleging fraud in the sale of municipal bonds.

Represented major national bank in major fiduciary trust litigation.

Represented broker-dealer in multi-forum antitrust litigation relating to municipal derivatives.

Represented trucking company in major multi-forum antitrust litigation.

Represented managed care organization in major antitrust litigation.

Represented broker-dealer in multi-forum litigation relating to silver futures.

Represented major municipality in litigation relating to collateralized mortgage obligations.

Represented major bank in litigation involving custody of public pension funds.

Represented state university in lawsuit brought by former head football coach.

Acted as Special Master in consolidated cases involving restaurant explosion.

Represented investment banker in multi-forum litigation relating to private placements.

Represented mutual fund company in ERISA class action.

Conducted extensive corporate internal investigation on behalf of major agricultural association.

Represented major plumbing distributor in business valuation litigation.

Represented major banks in lender liability litigation.

Represented CEO of NYSE-traded company in multi-forum litigation, criminal and enforcement proceedings.

Represented mutual fund firm in multiple major lawsuit involving sales of variable annuities.

Represented numerous broker-dealers in NASD arbitrations alleging unsuitability and overconcentration.

Represented numerous firms in SEC, FINRA and state securities commission enforcement proceedings.

Represented investment advisory firm in multiple regulatory proceedings.

Represented individual registered representative in major NASD enforcement proceeding.

Represented broker-dealers in various NASD arbitrations relating to employment issues.

Represented manufacturer in trade secrets litigation.

Represented a leading tax preparation service company in several product-related actions commenced by state Attorneys General and in other class action litigation.

Represented plastics manufacturer in trade secret litigation.

Represented retailers in multiple class actions alleging violations of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act.

Represented automobile manufacturer on regional basis in employment and dealer lawsuits.

Acted as expert witness in legal malpractice action.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Rosters of Arbitrators, American Arbitrators Association

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, President, 2014; President-Elect, 2013; Vice President, 2012; Treasurer, 2011; Board of Directors, 2006 - 2017; Chair, Strategic Vision Committee, 2009 - 2010; Chair, Securities Law Committee, 2000; Publications Committee, 2008 - present; Finance Committee, 2010 - 2011; Audit Committee, 2011; President, Past Presidents Club, 2016 - 2017, 2022-2023

The Missouri Bar, Board of Governors, 2015 - 2019

Board Member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Foundation (KCMBF), 2023-Present

Federal Courts Advocates, President, 2012; President-Elect, 2011; Secretary, 2010; Board of Directors, 2009 - 2013

Appointed in 1990 and 1991 to separate Merit Selection Commissions recommending candidates for United States District Judge

Appointed in 2017 to Merit Commission for Reappointment of US Magistrate Judge

Appointed in 2018 to Chair Merit Commission for Appointment of US Magistrate Judge

Lawyers Association of Kansas City, President, 1999-2000; Board Member, 1997 - 2000

American Bar Association

EDUCATION

J.D., Vanderbilt University 1977

- Vanderbilt Law Review, Executive Editor
- Recipient, The Morgan Prize
- Recipient, The Myron Penn Laughlin Award

B.A., Vanderbilt University, 1974

LICENSURE(S) AND ADMISSION(S)

Missouri

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

United States District Court for the District of Kansas

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri

Rosters of Arbitrators, American Arbitrators Association

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

General Counsel, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, 2016 - 2019

Business Leadership Counsel, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, 2002-Present

Vanderbilt University Board of Trust, 2018 - 2020

Vanderbilt Law School Board of Advisors, 2020 - Present

Vanderbilt University Alumni Association - President, 2016 - 2018; President-Elect, 2014 - 2016; Board of Directors, 2012 - 2019

Vanderbilt Alumni Association, Kansas City Chapter, President, 2011 - 2015, 2023-Present

Vanderbilt Law School Lecturer, 2006 - Present

Missouri Bar Wellness Committee, 2022 - Present

Missouri Bar Task Force on Complex Litigation, 2016 - 2018

U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society, Missouri Chair, 1997 - 1998; 2015 - 2016

Wayside Waifs, Board Chair, 2017 - 2019; Vice Chair, 2015 - 2016; Board of Directors, 2014 - 2019

DeLaSalle Charter High School, President, 2011 - 2013; President-Elect, 2010 - 2011; Secretary, 2009 - 2010; Board of Directors, 2008 - 2014

Missouri Bar Task Force on Lawyers Helping Lawyers, 2014 - 2016

The Turning Point Center for Hope and Healing, Board of Directors, 2010 - 2014

Adjunct Professor, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, 2010 - 2014

The Children's Place, Board of Directors, 2006 - 2008

Vanderbilt Law School Alumni Board, 1998 - 2001

Coro Foundation, President, 1989 - 1990; Board of Directors, 1987 - 1990

Civic Council's Kansas City Tomorrow Program, 1989

The Carriage Club, President, 1997 - 1998; Board of Directors, 1994 - 1998, 2017 - Present

FBI Citizens Academy, Kansas City Police Department Citizens Academy

PUBLICATIONS

"India Adventure" *KC Counselor* (May 2024)

"Celebrating KCMBA's 140 Years of Excellence" *KC Counselor* (March 2024)

"Southeast Asia Adventure," *KC Counselor* (May 2023)

"Profiles in Leadership – Mayor Quinton Lucas," *KC Counselor* (April 2022)

"The Heartland Diversity Job Fair - Making a Difference," *KC Counselor* (November 2021)

"Well Being - A Law Firm Priority," *KC Counselor* (October 2021)

"Magical San Miguel," *KC Counselor* (September 2021)

"Viva El Peru!" *KC Counselor* (September 2019)

"Viva Cuba!" *KC Counselor* (April 2017)

"Israel Adventure," *KC Counselor* (March 2017)

"Viva Italia!," *KC Counselor* (March 2016)

"Je Suis Charlie," *KC Counselor* (March 2015)

"Istanbul Adventure," *KC Counselor* (October 2014)

"Climbing the Ladder: The Path to a Great Legal Career," *KC Counselor* (May 2014)

"Amazon Adventure," *KC Counselor* (February 2014)

"Climbing the Ladder - The Path to a Great Legal Career," *1 UMKC Law Review De Jure* 9 (2013)

"Walk Like an Egyptian," *KC Counselor* (July 2012)

"European Adventure: Three Cities, Three Cultures," *KC Counselor* (March 2012)

"Bad Medicine: The Courtney Case," *KC Counselor* (June 2011)

"A Dangerous Breed," *KC Counselor* (January 2011)

"Hiking the Inca Trail," *Vanderbilt Lawyer* (Spring 2010)

"Adventures in Peru," *KC Counselor* (October 2009)

Chapter Author, "Securities Litigation and the Economic Crisis," *Aspatore Publishing* (2009)

"Tying Arrangements and the Individual Coercion Doctrine," *30 Vand.L.Rev.* 755 (1977)

"Recent Developments in Attorneys' Fees," *29 Vand.L.Rev.* 685 (1976)

Chapter Co-author, "Settlement Agreements in Commercial Disputes," *Aspen Publishing*

Chapter Author, "The Law of Lawyers' Liability," *ABA First Chair Press*

Chapter Author, "50 State Survey of Accounting and Auditing Liability Issues," *ABA Litigation Section*

RECOGNITION

2024-2025

BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Best Lawyers

Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy), Litigation - Securities

2023

MISSOURI LAWYERS MEDIA

ICON Award

Recipient

2023

MISSOURI AND KANSAS SUPER LAWYER

Super Lawyer

Business Litigation

2010, 2012-2022

BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Best Lawyer

Bet-The-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Securities and Litigation-Regulatory Enforcement

2005-2021

MISSOURI & KANSAS SUPER LAWYERS

Super Lawyer

Top 100 Missouri Lawyer and Top 50 Kansas City Lawyer

2021

KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Dean of the Trial Bar

2021

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Vanderbilt Alumni Volunteer Award

2019

BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Kansas City Regulatory Enforcement Lawyer of the Year

2019

KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Outstanding CLE Contributor

2019

MISSOURI LAWYERS WEEKLY

Top Defense Judgment

2017

LEXOLOGY

Lexology Client Choice Award

Exclusive Missouri Winner for Litigation

2014

BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Kansas City Securities Litigation Lawyer of the Year

2013

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Kansas City Regulatory Enforcement Lawyer of the Year

2013

LEXOLOGY

Lexology Client Choice Award

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2012

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Kansas City Securities Litigation Lawyer of the Year

2009

KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION

President's Award

INGRAMS MAGAZINE

Kansas City's 250 Most Powerful Business Leaders

KANSAS CITY BUSINESS JOURNAL

Best in Bar

BENCHMARK LITIGATION GUIDE TO AMERICA'S LEADING LITIGATION FIRMS AND ATTORNEYS

Missouri "Local Litigation Star"

NATIONAL TRIAL LAWYERS

Top 100 Trial Lawyers

CHAMBERS USA

Recognition

Litigation - General Commercial Category