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Abby Twenter is a litigation partner at Armstrong Teasdale, where she handles a wide range of matters for clients. She has experience working on cases at all stages of litigation, including trial preparation, arbitrations, motions practice, and appeals. Abby's prior experience as a law clerk has given her valuable exposure to a broad array of cases at both state and federal levels, and knowledge as to local rules and customs. Abby has advised clients on appellate procedure and has briefed appeals in both state and federal court. She also has experience litigating complex commercial cases, including contract disputes and tort claims.

Prior to joining the firm, Abby served as a law clerk to Judge E. Richard Webber of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri and Judge Laura Denvir Stith of the Supreme Court of Missouri. Abby is actively engaged in pro bono and community service work and is active with the Women Lawyer's Association of Greater St. Louis.

EDUCATION

- University of Illinois College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2016)
 - Pro bono notation
 - University of Illinois Law Review, Editor
 - Environmental Law Clinic
- Truman State University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2012)
 - Political Science
 - Phi Beta Kappa

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis (2019-2021)
- Missouri Bar Leadership Academy (2017-2018)

ACCOLADES

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation (2023-present)

EXPERIENCE

Acquisition of Transmission Line Easements for Energy Client

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Litigation
Appellate
Complex Commercial
Litigation
Intellectual Property
Intellectual Property Litigation
Trademark
Copyright

ADMISSIONS

Missouri
Illinois
U.S. District Court, Eastern
District of Missouri
U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh
Circuit

Assisted client in securing electrical power transmission line easements by negotiation and condemnation. Despite having an original list of 80 parcels of land, the team settled the majority on a compressed timeline and went to hearing on just four parcels, all of which were ultimately resolved in our client's favor.

Dismissal of Case Seeking to Ban “Obscene” Book in Virginia

Secured the dismissal of a Virginia state court case seeking to ban the sale of a client's book. A Virginia Beach General Assembly Delegate brought the action against our client and one of its authors, filed under a decades-old statute and alleging that the book – a memoir, told in graphic novel form, of the author's own journey of realizing their nonbinary and asexual identity – was “obscene.” Argued that the statute was unconstitutional both facially and as-applied, and that the petition failed to state a claim under Virginia law. The Court agreed and found that the book could not be considered “obscene” under state law, as well as that the statute was unconstitutional in violation of due process and the First Amendment.

Beat Force Majeure Claims and Secured \$3 Million in Damages in Pandemic-Driven Dispute

Represented WideOpenWest, a cable TV, internet and phone provider, before a panel of arbitrators on dueling breach of contract claims after WideOpenWest terminated its agreement with ad partner Viamedia in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the arbitration, Viamedia contended that the pandemic, as a *force majeure* event, excused its failure to pay WideOpenWest. The panel found Viamedia liable for breach of contract and awarded WideOpenWest nearly \$3 million in damages, plus attorneys' fees and costs.