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Recognized by his peers as a Rising Star in Missouri, Christopher Baucom is an experienced trial attorney focusing on product liability, complex commercial litigation and construction litigation. He routinely represents clients in the state and federal courts of Missouri and Illinois – including the notoriously difficult venues of the City of St. Louis and Madison and St. Clair County, Illinois. Additionally, Chris has represented clients in state and federal courts in Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Nevada, New York and Tennessee. Chris' experience encompasses all aspects of the litigation process, including case strategy and management, pre-trial motion practice, depositions, hearings, settlement negotiations, trial and appeals.

EDUCATION

- Tulane University School of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2004)
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- Truman State University (B.S., 2001)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Missouri Bar
- Illinois State Bar Association
- American Bar Association

ACCOLADES

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation (2023-present)
- Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers®, Rising Star (2011, 2013-2014)

BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Chris was in private practice at another large area firm.

EXPERIENCE

Dismissal for Government Client on FOIA Claims

Obtained dismissal of Complaint alleging Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) violations in Illinois state court for a governmental client.

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Product Liability

Mass Tort and Catastrophic Loss

Complex Commercial Litigation

Litigation

Construction Services

Real Estate, Development, Construction

ADMISSIONS

Missouri

Illinois

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

Won Class Certification for Plaintiffs in Large IoT Liability Case Against Automotive Manufacturer

Lead counsel for three certified plaintiffs' classes with an estimated 400,000 to 500,000 members, in a case alleging that various cars and trucks suffer from a series of cybersecurity defects that render the vehicles vulnerable to being hacked in a way that would allow hackers to remotely control the vehicles' operational and safety systems, including acceleration, braking, steering and ignition.

Managed Construction Defects Dispute for Assisted Living Center

Represented a large general contractor in a dispute with the owner and multiple levels of subcontractors concerning subcontractor construction defects in an assisted living center in Georgia.

Managed Dispute for General Contractor in Multimillion-Dollar State Project

Represented a general contractor in a multimillion-dollar dispute with a subcontractor and materials supplier concerning a project for the state of Illinois.

Multimillion-Dollar Environmental Litigation for Fortune 150 Company

Representation of Fortune 150 petroleum and pipeline corporation in third-party multimillion-dollar environmental litigation arising out of operation of petroleum refinery in Illinois. Claims involve assessment of damages and assignment of third-party liability under the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and Illinois Contribution Act.

Dismissal of Product Liability Case

Secured dismissal of a product liability case in which the plaintiff sought to recover \$80,000 in damages involving a failed water supply line. As a condition of granting the plaintiff's request to voluntarily dismiss, the court included the provision that the plaintiff would have to pay the client's attorney's fees and costs related to the dismissed case if it ever refiles the case.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

March 30, 2020

Mitigating the Impact of COVID-19 on Construction Contracts