

# FROM NURSING TO LAW: ONE ATTORNEY'S UNIQUE CAREER PATH

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From journalists and entrepreneurs to engineers, politicians and nurses, our attorneys have varied backgrounds that enable them to bring a distinctive skill set to each client's legal needs. Missouri Lawyers Weekly recently featured partner [Tim Gearin](#)'s unique career experience and how that path put him in the best possible position to serve his clients.

A Litigation partner and co-leader of the firm's Health Care and Life Sciences industry team, Tim is one of the most sought after defense litigators in the country. He has broad experience in business litigation, catastrophic and personal injury, medical malpractice, complex product liability litigation involving antitrust, and qui tam cases. He also serves as leader of the firm's award-winning Tort and Catastrophic Events practice.

Tim is a former registered nurse and spent 12 years working in intensive care, surgical and cardiac areas. His experience gives him the ability to understand how the body works; medical terminology and procedures; and the ways in which hospitals and other health care providers operate.

For his health care clients, he provides legal counsel on compliance-related matters, including the Stark Law, HIPAA, Unfair Merchandising Practices Act and best practices for electronic medical records. Tim has litigated all levels of cases from individual client matters to public health threats, and his successful defense verdicts have ranked among the highest for at least a dozen years.

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