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Joseph Goff is a skilled trial attorney and former Associate Circuit Judge in the 24th Judicial Circuit in Missouri.

He works with clients in a broad range of industries and provides counsel on issues including toxic tort, commercial litigation and industrial security. Having spent years in a courtroom, he provides clients a unique perspective when faced with the uncertainty of litigation.

BACKGROUND

Prior to joining Armstrong Teasdale, Joe was Associate Circuit Judge, Division III, for the 24th Judicial Circuit, including St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Madison and Washington Counties in Missouri. He was appointed to the bench in April 2015 and was re-elected in November 2016 and November 2018. While there, Joe was active in both civil and criminal matters, and was also heavily involved in drafting Circuit-wide orders related to COVID-19 protocols. In addition, Joe spent more than five years as Circuit Appointing Authority in the 24th Circuit Juvenile Office, where he was responsible for the 50-employee office including hiring, firing and discipline.

Before that, Joe was Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the St. Francois County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. He also spent several years in private practice as a trial attorney handling personal injury and wrongful death cases. He also held the position of Assistant Attorney General in the Missouri Attorney General's Office.

EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., 2011)
- Southeast Missouri State University (B.S., *cum laude*, 2007)
 - Political Science
 - Minor in Marketing
 - NCAA Division I Championship Subdivision football team (Letterman)
 - SEMO Dean's List and Scholar-Athlete
 - Ohio Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete
 - Regents Scholarship Recipient

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Saint Louis University School of Law (Adjunct Professor – Trial Advocacy I, Spring

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Litigation

State Attorneys General

ADMISSIONS

Missouri

Illinois

2017 and 2018)

- Upward Bound (Mentor, Summer 2017 and 2019)

CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Missouri Supreme Court Civic Education Committee (Vice-Chair, Presenter and Circuit Coordinator for 23rd Circuit (Jefferson County), 24th Circuit (Madison, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois and Washington Counties))
- 24th Judicial Circuit Family Drug Court Steering Committee (Chairman)
- St. Francois County Opioid Consortium (Member)
- Farmington High School Extended Character Education Committee (Member)
- Missouri State Highway Patrol Community Alliance (Graduate, October 2018)

ACCOLADES

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation (2024-present)
- Civic Education Award, Judicial Conference of Missouri (2021)
- Certified Court Manager, Missouri Court Management Institute (2019/2020)
- Citizen of the Year, St. Francois County Elks Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet (2016)

EXPERIENCE

Successfully Defended University, Individual Against Missouri Human Right Act Claims

Secured a full defense verdict for a university and individual on multiple claims alleging violations of the Missouri Human Rights Act. After a one-week trial in the City of St. Louis Circuit Court, the jury returned verdicts in favor of our client on all counts.

Acquisition of Transmission Line Easements for Energy Client

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.