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Karrie Clinkinbeard, managing attorney of the firm's offices in Kansas City, Missouri, and Overland Park, Kansas, is an experienced litigator with substantial trial experience across the Midwest including Oklahoma, Texas and Nebraska. Recognized by her peers as a Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyer and Rising Star for 10 consecutive years, Karrie's numerous successes include her role as co-lead counsel in a furnace explosion case that generated the largest 2014 defense verdict in Missouri.

A member of Armstrong Teasdale's Litigation practice group for 19 years, Karrie focuses on fire, explosion and electrocution litigation, toxic torts and catastrophic incidents, product liability, contract disputes, personal injury and life, health and disability matters. She has tried numerous jury cases to verdict in state and federal courts and also achieves successful outcomes for her clients early in litigation through aggressive, targeted pretrial practice.

Karrie takes an active mentoring role in the firm and is very involved in the Greater Kansas City community. In addition to serving as the Kansas City managing attorney, Karrie serves on the firm's Executive Committee, Compensation Committee and previously led the Kansas City office's Women's Inclusion Network (WIN). She has also served on the Hiring and Nominating Committees.

EDUCATION

- University of Kansas School of Law (J.D., 1999)
- Washburn University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1996)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Kansas Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar
- Armstrong Teasdale Executive Committee (Member), Compensation Committee (Member), Women's Inclusion Network Committee (Member)
- Kansas City Area Development Council (Board of Directors)
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (Past President, Young Lawyers Section; Past Chairman, Public Service Committee; Recipient, President's Award)
- Johnson County Bar Association
- Johnson County Bar Foundation (Board of Directors, President-Elect, Past

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Consumer Products and Services
Energy and Utilities
Fire and Electrical Liability Litigation
Insurance Coverage Litigation Litigation
Mass Tort and Catastrophic Loss
Product Liability

ADMISSIONS

Missouri
Kansas
Oklahoma
U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri
U.S. District Court, District of Kansas
U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska

Secretary, Past Treasurer)

- Defense Research Institute
- International Association of Arson Investigators
- National Association of Fire Investigators
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- National Fire Academy Alumni Association and Instructor
- NFPA 921 Technical Committee Member
- NFPA 1033 Technical Committee Member
- National Association of Professional Women
- Leadership Kansas Program (Class of 2015)

CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- 3&2 Baseball Club of Johnson County (Board Member)
- Leadership Kansas KC Metro Session (2017 Chair; 2018 Co-Chair)
- American Lung Association Fight for Air Climb
- American Cancer Society "Relay for Life"

ACCOLADES

- NextGen Leader, *Kansas City Business Journal* (2017)
- Leadership Kansas Program, Class of 2015
- Won Largest 2014 Defense Verdict in Missouri, *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*
- Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator
- Department of Homeland Security, National Fire Academy (Emmitsburg, Md.) – Certified Instructor for fire litigation analysis and investigation and courtroom testimony courses
- *Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers*® (2016-present); *Super Lawyers*®, Rising Star (2009-2015)
- Named an "Up and Coming Lawyer" by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* (2008)

EXPERIENCE

Dismissal in Consumer Class Action Lawsuit for Sporting Goods Retailer

Secured the dismissal of a consumer protection and class action lawsuit against a major sporting goods and outdoor equipment retailer filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri. The matter specifically involved claims of alleged violation of the Missouri Merchandising practice act, unjust enrichment, and violation of consumer protection laws in 21 other states. The plaintiff sought to represent a nationwide class of customers seeking millions of dollars in damages for alleged violations of various states consumer protection statutes. The court granted the client's motion to dismiss, and the plaintiff did not appeal or seek leave to amend.

Defense Verdict in Premises Liability Action

Defended client in a premises liability action where the plaintiff claims she was injured after tripping in the client's parking lot. A jury trial held in Jackson County, Missouri. Jury returned a complete defense verdict.

Largest 2014 Missouri Defense Verdict

Won the largest 2014 defense verdict in Missouri on behalf of a gas company in a \$30 million furnace explosion case. The ranking was reported by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

September 24, 2018

Experts Beware: Ignoring the Scientific Method Can Be Hazardous to Your Testimony

Selected Abstract, International Symposium on Fire Investigation Science and Technology

March 28, 2017

More Rigorous Standards for Admissibility of Expert Witness Testimony in Missouri

July 11, 2016

“The Rewards of Letting Your Law Firm In”: Partner Chris LaRose Writes Article for ACC St. Louis Newsletter

ACC St. Louis Newsletter

January 1, 2014

Deposition Testimony: Don't Fall Prey to Lawyer Tricks

Selected Abstract, International Symposium on Fire Investigation Science and Technology

January 1, 2014

Experts Beware: Ignoring the Scientific Method Can Be Hazardous to Your Testimony —An Update on the Law

Selected Abstract, International Symposium on Fire Investigation Science and Technology

January 1, 2009

Kansas chapters, Misrepresentation in the Life, Health and Disability Insurance

Application Process: A National Survey

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