LYNN HURSH

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Lynn Hursh, honored with a 2015 award for the highest Missouri defense verdict, has been lead counsel in more than 150 jury trials on behalf of corporate clients in product liability, commercial, insurance, toxic tort and energy-related cases. Lynn has spent his entire career developing the skills necessary for courtroom success. His experience is not only rare, but it is an invaluable asset for evaluating catastrophic events and counseling clients on how to prepare for potential litigation. Lynn's trials have been reported in The Wall Street Journal, USA Today and a number of regional broadcasts and periodicals.

In addition to his trial work, Lynn is frequently consulted on the business and insurance coverage questions presented by incidents that cause significant damage, personal loss, or which have severe business consequences. Having guided hundreds of these matters from first occurrence to final result, he has become proficient in the financial and risk allocation issues resulting from major events.

EDUCATION

- University of Kansas School of Law (J.D., 1979)
- University of Kansas (B.A., 1975)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Natural Gas Claims and Litigation Association
- Propane Gas Defense Association
- National Association of Fire Investigators
- International Association of Arson Investigators
- National Fire Protection Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- Kansas Bar Association
- Missouri Bar Association
- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers

ACCOLADES

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Fire and Electrical Liability Litigation
Insurance Coverage Litigation
Litigation
Mass Tort and Catastrophic Loss
Product Liability
Class Action Litigation
Manufacturing and Innovation
Energy and Utilities

ADMISSIONS

Kansas
Missouri
U.S. District Court, District of Kansas
U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan

- 2015 Missouri Lawyers Award, Largest Defense Verdict (*Abbott v. MGE,* $30 million)
- Selected as a 2013 Top Rated Lawyer in Commercial Litigation by *Martindale-Hubbell* and *American Lawyer Media (ALM)*
- *The Best Lawyers in America®;* Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law (2010-present)
- *Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers® / Super Lawyers®*, Business Edition, (2005-2018)
- Named "*Best of the Bar*," Kansas City Metro, by the *Kansas City Business Journal* (2002)
- Managing Attorney of the firm's Kansas City, Mo. and Overland Park, Kan. offices (2001-2009)
- National Association of Fire Investigators, Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator

EXPERIENCE

Successful Intervention Under Amended 537.065 and Then $8 Million Award in Arbitration Action

Successfully intervened in arbitration approval action on behalf of insurance company months after alleged insured entered into R.S.Mo. 537.065 agreement. Following intervention, the court vacated its judgment approving an $8 million arbitration award against the alleged insured.

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.