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Matt Shorey is a partner and skilled trial lawyer having argued and won jury and bench trials in jurisdictions throughout Missouri. With a multifaceted practice spanning a wide range of litigation subsets, Matt primarily focuses on the defense of medical malpractice, insurance, product liability, tort, utility, municipal, construction and commercial actions. Matt also has extensive health law experience, including advising and presenting to physicians and health care administrators.

Matt's experience in private practice and as in-house counsel for the medical campus of a large, private university lends to his deep understanding of client needs and ability to address concerns before they arise.

In the medical malpractice arena, Matt has defended hospitals, physicians, nurses and other providers.

Matt has defended many different types of tort cases, including claims for battery, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, malicious prosecution, negligence, negligent misrepresentation, strict liability, premises liability, punitive damages and wrongful death. Matt has also litigated Missouri Merchandising Practices Act claims and has significant experience defending claims alleging punitive damages.

Further, Matt has litigated complex construction claims involving construction management, construction and design defects, project delays, mechanic's liens, subcontractors and suppliers.

Matt has significant experience representing insurers in matters relating to life, health and disability insurance policies, including ERISA cases. He has litigated claims involving excess insurance, misrepresentation, lapse, accidental death and dismemberment, conditional receipt, denials and terminations of disability benefits, vexatious refusal, legal disability, stop loss insurance and beneficiary designations.

Matt also has extensive litigation experience relating to utilities, including first-chair trial and injunction hearing experience. He also has trial-level and appellate experience with litigation involving municipalities and other governmental entities, and broad experience in trust and trustee litigation, and real estate litigation.

BACKGROUND

Before joining Armstrong Teasdale, Matt served as Senior Associate General Counsel for a major metropolitan university. Prior to that, he spent nearly 17 years with Armstrong

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Appellate

Class Action Litigation

Complex Commercial Litigation

Construction Services

Life, Health, Disability and

ERISA Litigation

Medical Malpractice

Product Liability

Consumer Products and Services

Energy and Utilities

Health Care and Life Sciences

Education

Manufacturing and Innovation

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, Eastern

District of Arkansas

U.S. District Court, Western

District of Arkansas

Teasdale LLP.

Matt also previously served as law clerk for Judge Lawrence G. Crahan of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District.

EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1998)
- University of Missouri (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1995)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Missouri Bar
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- The American Health Lawyers Association

EXPERIENCE

Obtained Judgment on the Pleadings in Real Estate Action

Obtained judgment for seller in a declaratory judgment action involving a property and insurance dispute.

Dismissal of Medical Malpractice Action

Successful defense of medical malpractice action alleging permanent leg injury.

Obtained Dismissal of Claim for Specific Performance and Tortious Interference

Obtained dismissal of action against city for tortious interference and specific performance of a contract.

Defeated Summary Judgment Sought by Subcontractor

Obtained a favorable order denying subcontractor's motion for summary judgment, which had the effect of bringing a swift end to subcontractor's lawsuit.

Dismissal of Action Alleging Tortious Interference

Obtained dismissal of tortious interference claims.

Obtained Summary Judgment Overturning State Law

A member of the team that obtained summary judgment for local emergency services dispatch provider in action to overturn a law as unconstitutional.

Obtained Judgment on the Administrative Record in Land Use Action

Obtained judgment for property owner in connection with a challenge to a conditional use permit.

Obtained Judgment on the Pleadings in Real Estate Action

Obtained judgment for seller in a declaratory judgment action involving a property and insurance dispute.

Obtained Summary Judgment in Life Insurance Action

Obtained summary judgment for defendant on claim seeking life insurance benefits and equitable relief.

Preliminary Injunction Denied for Utility Company

Co-chaired the defense of a multiple-day preliminary injunction hearing involving vegetation management by a local utility. Secured a denial of the preliminary injunction.

Defense Verdict for Physical Therapist in Medical Malpractice Claim

First-chaired a three-day jury trial and secured a defense verdict in a medical malpractice case against a physical therapist.

Obtained Judgment for Utility Company in Three-Day Trial

Obtained judgment for regional provider of electricity against a municipality relating to transmission vegetation management following a three-day bench trial.

Obtained Dismissal in Product Liability Action

Obtained dismissal of manufacturer in product liability action.

Assisted with Reversal of Significant Judgment

Assisted with appeal that resulted in reversal of \$240,000,000 in punitive damages in a personal injury action.

Obtained Judgment in Premises Liability Action

Obtained judgment for property owner in premises liability action.

Obtained Dismissal in Insurance Action

Drafted winning motion to dismiss on behalf of insurer's parent company.

Obtained Dismissal of Premises Liability Action

Drafted and argued winning motion to dismiss of premises liability action.

Assisted Trial Team with Jury Instructions in Class Action Seeking Significant Punitive Damages

Served as jury instruction consultant for defendant in jury trial of class action brought under the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act.

Obtained Dismissal in ERISA Action

Obtained dismissal of claims administrator in ERISA action.

Defense Verdict for Tobacco Company in Multibillion-Dollar Case

Served as local counsel for multiple tobacco companies in an action seeking billions of dollars in reimbursement for alleged health care costs. Secured a defense verdict after a four-month jury trial. Voted the #1 Top Defense Win in 2011 by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

Obtained Judgment for Insurer in Fatality Claim

Obtained judgment for insurer on an accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy.

Defense Verdict in Arbitration for Construction Manager

Obtained a complete defense victory in arbitration for a construction manager against a claim of improper scheduling.

Successful Outcome for Trailer Company in Action Following Fatal Accident

Successfully defended trailer leasing company in MCS-90 action arising out of tractor-trailer accident involving multiple deaths and injuries.

Summary Judgment for Life Insurance Company

Obtained summary judgment for life insurer based on misrepresentation in the application.

Obtained Attorney Fee Award in Interpleader Action

Obtained substantial attorney fee award for issuer of deferred annuities in interpleader action arising from dispute as to ownership of annuity proceeds.

Obtained Dismissal in Premises Liability Action

Obtained dismissal for property manager in premises liability action.

Judgment Affirmed on Appeal in ERISA Action

Obtained judgment on the administrative record for third party administrator in ERISA action, which was then affirmed on appeal.

TIF Case Affirmed on Appeal

Obtained judgment affirmed on appeal for multiple cities against a Missouri county in a tax increment financing case for failure to remit tax revenue.

Dismissal of Wrongful Death Case

Obtained dismissal of wrongful death action based on premised liability.

Defense Verdict for Defendant in Battery, Punitive Damages Action

Secured a defense verdict in a jury trial in which the defendant faced civil battery and punitive damages charges.

Defense Verdict for Product Manufacturer

Served as local trial counsel in successful defense of manufacturer in product liability action.

Obtained Judgment for Construction Company

Successfully tried mechanic's lien action to the Court on behalf of construction company.

Defense Verdict for Property Owner

Obtained defense verdict for property owner in premises liability action.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

November 16, 2022

Medicare's Rural Emergency Hospital Designation is Finally Here

February 3, 2022

Supreme Court Restates Duty to Monitor Retirement Plan Costs and Options in Hughes v. Northwestern University

December 30, 2021

No Surprises Act Brings New Compliance Requirements for Health Care Facilities Jan. 1