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OF COUNSEL

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Megan Ochs is an attorney based in Armstrong Teasdale's Kansas City office where she is a member of the firm's Litigation practice group.

Primarily, Megan focuses her practice on real estate litigation. She defends real estate brokers and agents against a broad spectrum of claims involving alleged negligence, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, negligent misrepresentation, fraudulent misrepresentation, fraudulent concealment, failure to supervise and violations of the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act and Kansas Consumer Protection Act.

In addition to defending real estate brokers and agents in lawsuits, Megan represents clients with respect to consumer complaints filed with the Missouri Attorney General's Office, the Kansas Attorney General's Office, the Missouri Real Estate Commission and the Kansas Real Estate Commission. Megan also proactively helps brokers and agents guard against lawsuits. She speaks regularly regarding various issues in real estate law such as the requirements imposed by the Missouri Real Estate Commission, Kansas Real Estate Brokers' and Salespersons' License Act, and Brokerage Relationships in Real Estate Act, as well as new developments in both Missouri and Kansas case law.

Megan additionally represents a variety of other professionals, including lawyers, insurance agents and brokers, in legal malpractice and professional negligence lawsuits relating to their provision of professional services.

Megan also has experience representing defendants in qui tam actions filed under the False Claims Act. She was recently part of a team that successfully defended a medical practice in a billion dollar qui tam action alleging Medicare fraud.

The balance of Megan's practice focuses on defending gas companies, utility companies, manufacturers and distributors in product liability litigation (automotive, marine, consumer and industrial products) involving fires and explosions. She represents a variety of companies in all aspects of litigation from case inception to trial.

EDUCATION

- University of Kansas School of Law (J.D., 2002)
- Kansas State University (B.A., 1999)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Fire and Electrical Liability
Litigation
Litigation
Mass Tort and Catastrophic
Loss
Product Liability
Real Estate

ADMISSIONS

Missouri
Kansas
Florida
Arizona
U.S. District Court, Western
District of Missouri
U.S. District Court, District of
Kansas
U.S. District Court, District of
Arizona
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth
Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth
Circuit

- The Missouri Bar
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (Public Service Committee)
- The Florida Bar
- State Bar of Arizona
- Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City

ACCOLADES

- *Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers*®, Rising Star (2010, 2013-present)

BACKGROUND

Megan joined Armstrong Teasdale in 2002 after starting as a summer associate. She left the firm in 2003 to practice in Florida, and later in Arizona.

While in Florida Megan's practice focused primarily on medical malpractice defense. In Arizona, she focused on product liability litigation (primarily automotive) and medical malpractice defense. Megan rejoined the firm in 2007.

EXPERIENCE

Summary Judgment in Qui Tam Action Alleging Medicare Fraud

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of health care client in a qui tam action under the False Claims Act. In this case, the whistle blower sought over \$1 billion, based on all claims submitted. The judgment, regarding allegation of Medicare fraud, was successfully defended on appeal.

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