

PAMELA J. WINTER PARTNER Kansas City, MO



Pamela Winter is a partner in the firm's Litigation practice group handling a variety of civil litigation matters, including catastrophic and personal injury, medical malpractice, transportation, premises and retail liability, and construction defects. Pam is a skillful advocate for her clients practicing in both state and federal court. She has extensive experience representing a variety of companies at all stages of litigation from case inception to trial.

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BACKGROUND

Prior to joining Armstrong Teasdale, Pam gained valuable experience as a civil litigation associate at other Kansas City area law firms, where she focused primarily on insurance defense matters related to premises and retail liability, personal injury and construction defects.

Prior to that, she clerked for Judge Charles H. McKenzie of the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri.

EDUCATION

- University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law (J.D., 2015)
 - o UMKC Law Review and Urban Lawyer, Staff Member
 - CALI Awards for Excellence Lawyering Skills II, Legislation, and Criminal Trial Techniques
 - o Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society
- Quincy University (B.S., summa cum laude, 2012)
 - o Political Science and Pre-Law Concentration
 - o NCAA Division II Women's Tennis Team (2008-2012)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Missouri Bar
- Kansas Bar Association
- Lawyers Association of Kansas City Young Lawyers Section, Member
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- Earl E. O'Connor Inns of Court

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Litigation

Fire and Electrical Liability Litigation

Medical Malpractice

Mass Tort and Catastrophic Loss

Complex Commercial Litigation

Real Estate

ADMISSIONS

Missouri

Kansas

U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

U.S. District Court, District of Kansas

CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Leadership Kansas Emerging Leaders Program (2024)
- · Junior League of Kansas City

ACCOLADES

• Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers*, Rising Star (2023-present)

EXPERIENCE

Summary Judgment for Public Entity in Negligence Case

Obtained summary judgment in Missouri state court on behalf of a public entity on negligence claim relating to demolition work performed by the general contractor. The plaintiff was the owner of property that shared a party wall with a building owned by the public entity. The plaintiff alleged that even though an independent contractor performed the work, the public entity was liable for damage caused to its building during demolition. We demonstrated that a landowner is not vicariously liable for damage caused to third parties by the negligence of an independent contractor or that of the contractor's employees.

Summary Judgment for Title Insurance Company in Defense of Breach of Contract and Vexatious Refusal to Pay Action

Obtained summary judgment in Jackson County, Missouri on behalf of title insurance company in defense of claims for breach of contract and vexatious refusal to pay. The plaintiff claimed that the title insurer breached the title policy by not providing coverage under the policy. The plaintiff claimed the title insurer failed to disclose a dangerous building notice. The court found no coverage exists because the dangerous building notice is not a condition affecting the title of the property.

Defense of Mortgage Trust in Quiet Title Action

Secured judgment in favor of mortgage trust in an action to quiet title brought by the alleged heir of the deceased owner of residential property located in Johnson County, Kansas. The plaintiff alleged that the deceased's signature on the mortgage was forged. Forgery was denied, as execution of the loan documents was notarized. Additionally, the deceased borrower knew or should have known the loan was signed based on the history of his account information and mail correspondence regarding the loan. Following a bench trial, the court entered judgment in favor of defendants finding the loan documents were signed by the plaintiff, before a notary public, and are valid and enforceable.

Judgment in Favor of Mortgage Trust Following Bench Trial

Secured judgment in favor of a mortgage trust in a foreclosure action in Johnson County, Kansas. The defendants, owners of residential property, asserted numerous affirmative defenses seeking to avoid foreclosure of the property. Following a bench trial, the judge found in favor of the client on its claim of foreclosure and awarded all damages plus interest and attorneys' fees.

Obtained Defense Verdict in Jury Trial on Claim to Set Aside Real Estate Conveyance

Obtained a defense verdict in a Clay County, Missouri jury trial in favor of limited liability

company client. The plaintiff sought a declaratory judgment to set aside a real estate conveyance on the basis that the seller lacked capacity to contract, was unduly influenced, and that the contract was unconscionable. Defendants asserted numerous counterclaims. The jury found in favor of defendants on plaintiff's claim to set aside the real estate transaction. The counterclaims were taken up with the judge following the trial. The judge ruled in favor of defendants on all counterclaims and awarded all damages plus interest and attorneys' fees.

Summary Judgment for Employee of Transportation Company

Secured summary judgment for transportation company employee in a case before the Circuit Court of Cooper County, Missouri. At issue was a dispute over who was responsible for a vehicle fire that damaged plaintiff's place of business. The fire was caused by gasoline igniting after allegedly being poured into a diesel fuel only tank powering a transport vehicle's refrigeration unit. Plaintiff asserted claims of negligence, negligent misrepresentation and negligent failure to warn against the employee seeking to recover damages for the property damage it sustained in the fire. The Court found the transportation company employee did not owe plaintiff any duty.

Breach of Contract Judgment in Favor of Business Products and Services Client

Secured judgment in favor of a business products and services client in a breach of contract dispute with a former customer, who stopped paying invoices on a 60-month contract. The client filed suit in Jackson County, Missouri, Circuit Court for breach of contract and quantum meruit seeking liquidated damages and unpaid invoices plus interest. The defendant denied that the client was entitled to pre-judgment interest and liquidated damages. Following a bench trial, the judge found in favor of the client on all claims and awarded all damages plus interest.

Defense of Convenience Store Client in Personal Injury Case

Represented a convenience store client in a jury trial before the Western District of Missouri in a case involving a slip and fall at a fueling station following a major winter storm. The plaintiff asked the jury for damages related to medical expenses, past pain and suffering, and future pain and suffering. Following a four-day trial, the jury assigned 94% of the fault to the plaintiff and only 6% to the client.