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Ty Ketchum is a litigation attorney whose work has been recognized by his peers and the legal community for several years. He has been named to the Kansas City Business Journal's Best of the Bar list on multiple occasions, including 2017. Ty was named among *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Litigation - Labor and Employment in 2019, and has been named a *Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyer*® from 2013-present. Prior to that, from 2010-2012, he was recognized as a Missouri/Kansas Rising Star.

Ty primarily focuses upon employment, insurance coverage, personal injury and commercial litigation cases. His practice is unique in that he has handled high-stakes cases for clients involving many different areas of law.

In connection with this diverse litigation practice, Ty has tried cases to verdict before courts in Missouri and Kansas and has argued before the Missouri Supreme Court, Missouri Court of Appeals and the U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.

Ty also serves as deputy general counsel at Armstrong Teasdale.

EDUCATION

- University of Missouri School of Law (J.D., 2000)
- Truman State University (B.S., 1996)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Missouri Bar
- Kansas Bar Association
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (Former Co-Chair, CLE Advisory Committee; Member, Board of Directors, 2010-2012)
- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers
- Downtown Council of Kansas City (Board of Directors)

CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Visitation Parish (Member; Athletic Committee)
- Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity, Truman State University (Member)

ACCOLADES

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Appellate
Complex Commercial Litigation
Employment and Labor
Insurance Coverage Litigation
Internal Investigations and Regulatory Compliance
Litigation
Health Care and Life Sciences
Professional Liability

ADMISSIONS

Missouri
Kansas
U.S. District Court, District of Kansas
U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

- Benchmark Litigation Labor & Employment Star - Midwest (2019)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®; Litigation - Labor and Employment (2019-present)
- *Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers*® (2013-present); *Super Lawyers*®, Rising Star (2010-2012); *Super Lawyers*®, Business Edition (2013-2015)
- Best of the Bar, *Kansas City Business Journal* (multiple years, including 2017)

EXPERIENCE

Missouri Human Rights Act Trial Work

Tried several Missouri Human Rights Act cases to juries in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri, including claims of age, race, gender and disability discrimination; race and age retaliation; and age and disability harassment/hostile work environment.

Defense Verdict for Insurance Client

Obtained a defense verdict for our insurance client following a three-week trial. The plaintiff sought \$3.1 million related to a consent decree where it agreed to clean up soil and groundwater contamination from a manufacturing site. The insurers asserted that the plaintiff knew about the contamination for decades and did not properly notify its insurers, and that prior claims had been made associated with the contamination without proper notice. The jury found in favor of the insurers on all claims.

Obtained Reversal of Decision in Favor of Education Client

Argued a case to the Missouri Supreme Court obtaining reversal of lower court's judgment allowing damages in excess of the statutory damage cap. The Court found, for the first time, that a sovereign entity's liability is capped at \$300,000 (plus inflation) irrespective of the amount of liability insurance purchased by the sovereign.

Secured Defense Verdict for Client on Appeal

Secured writ of prohibition for education industry client, making defense verdict final. Investigated and responded to untimely post-verdict attempt to amend pleadings. Prevailed on appeal when post-verdict actions attempted without jurisdiction.

Dismissal of Suit for Public Entity in the Education Industry

Won a dismissal after removal to federal court on behalf of a public entity and its employees for failure to exhaust administrative remedies with proper administrative agency.

Preliminary Injunction in Discrimination Investigation Matter

Obtained a preliminary injunction order in federal court enjoining the Missouri Commission on Human Rights from investigating allegations of discrimination filed against client.