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A former president of The Missouri Bar, Bill Corrigan's litigation skills and legal acumen have gained him national recognition. An accomplished trial attorney, Bill has won a number of high-stakes, multimillion-dollar cases on behalf of his clients across a variety of industries, and has served as lead trial counsel in courts in Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and Texas.

For over a decade, Bill has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®. He is also featured in Chambers USA, named as a *Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyer* and voted by his peers as one of St. Louis' top 50 lawyers.

Outside General Counsel

In addition to his experience as a successful business litigator, Bill serves as outside general counsel to many small and large privately held businesses that are headquartered in St. Louis, including family owned and closely held businesses. In his role as outside general counsel, Bill works with business owners and senior management to develop strategies to improve operations and minimize risks while keeping a keen eye on organizational objectives. This part of his practice regularly involves matters related to mergers and acquisitions, estate and succession planning, employment and labor, real estate and financial transactions and patents and trademarks.

Lead Trial Counsel

Bill's extensive litigation experience includes serving as lead trial counsel in cases involving breach of contract; noncompete agreements; trade secrets; complex fiduciary duty matters; shareholder disputes; life, health, disability and other insurance disputes; complex tort and employment matters.

Active in the community and in the political arena, Bill participates on a number of boards and served as the Republican candidate for the 2010 election for St. Louis County Executive.

EDUCATION

- University of Missouri School of Law (J.D.)
- University of Notre Dame (B.B.A.)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Noncompete and Trade

Secrets

Litigation

Product Liability

Mass Tort and Catastrophic

Loss

Insurance Coverage Litigation

Privacy and Data Security

Class Action Litigation

Outside General Counsel

Agribusiness and Food

Consumer Products and

Services

Energy and Utilities

ADMISSIONS

Missouri

Illinois

U.S. District Court, Eastern

District of Missouri

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth

Circuit

- President, The Missouri Bar (2003-2004)
- President, The Missouri Bar Board of Trustees (2005-2010)
- National Conference of Bar Presidents (Executive Council, 2006-2009)
- ABA House of Delegates, The Missouri Bar (Delegate, 2006-2010)
- President, Board of Trustees, University of Missouri School of Law Foundation (2012-2014)
- Armstrong Teasdale Executive and Pro Bono Committees
- US Law Firm Group (USLFG) (Chair, Litigation Section)
- Lex Mundi (Firm Representative)

CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Foundation (Board of Governors, 2016-present)
- Old Newsboys Day Children's Charities (Board Member, 2011-2018)
- Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation Board (Secretary, 2018-present; Board Member, 2011-present)
- Archdiocese of St. Louis (Chair, Annual Red Mass Committee, 2009-2012)
- Make-A-Wish Foundation (Development Board, 2001-2005)
- Edgewood Children's Center Development Board (President, 1994-1995)
- Kids in Motion Program (Volunteer)

ACCOLADES

- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers in Business*, Commercial Litigation (2013-present)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®; Business Organizations, Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants and Trade Secrets Law (2005-present)
- *Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers*® (2008-present); *Super Lawyers*®, Corporate Counsel Edition, Business Litigation (2008); *Super Lawyers*®, Business Edition (2011-2014); *Super Lawyers*®, St. Louis' Top 50 (2011-present)
- *Martindale-Hubbell* and *American Lawyer Media (ALM)* Top Rated Lawyer, Commercial Litigation
- Commencement Speaker, University of Missouri School of Law (May 2004)
- Citation of Merit Award Recipient, University of Missouri School of Law
- Outstanding Young Lawyer Award Recipient, St. Louis County Bar Association
- *St. Louis Business Journal* "40 Under 40" Award Recipient
- Distinguished Recent Graduate Award Recipient, University of Missouri School of Law
- W. Oliver Rasch Award Recipient for Outstanding Bar Journal Article

- Special Old Newsboys Day Recognition Award (2012)
- AV® Peer Review Rated, *Martindale-Hubbell*
- Mentor Award, Missouri Lawyers Media (2018)

EXPERIENCE

Temporary Restraining Order for Client Involving Noncompete Agreement

Secured a temporary restraining order for a boiler service company. The defendant, a former employee, left the company without notice and went to work for a competing firm. The employee had signed a noncompete, nondisclosure and noninterference agreement with the client, and the court granted our motion prohibiting the defendant from continuing to work for the competing firm and any other business in the state competing with the client. Following the court's order, the defendant agreed to a permanent consent injunction.

TRO Secured for Financial Client

Obtained a temporary restraining order for a wealth management firm against a former employee regarding the violation of a nonsolicitation agreement. The employee, who had provided services to approximately 300 households representing about \$50 million in assets, had signed a confidentiality and nonsolicitation agreement stating he would not directly or indirectly do business with or attempt to take away any of his employer's clients.

\$2 Million Judgment Affirmed on Appeal for Interior Design Firm in Breach of Contract Suit

Won a judgment, affirmed on appeal, for roughly \$2 million for a small, family-owned interior design firm in a breach of contract suit against a Chicago-area hospital.

Obtained TRO and Permanent Injunction Against Insurance Broker in Noncompete, Nonsolicitation Case

Obtained temporary restraining order (TRO) and consent permanent injunction in St. Louis County Circuit Court enforcing noncompete and nonsolicitation agreement against highly compensated insurance broker, and further requiring return and destruction of documents and files.

Obtained Judgment in Breach of Contract Case for Former Senior Executive

Won a breach of contract claim for a former senior executive against a publicly traded company and obtained a total judgment, including an award of attorney's fees amounting to more than \$500,000.

Won TRO and Permanent Injunction Against Former Employee in Trade Secret Case

Won a temporary restraining order (TRO) and permanent injunction against the former employee of a publicly traded bank in a trade secret case.

Seven-Figure Judgment in Shareholder Dispute for Physicians

Won a high seven-figure judgment, including sanctions, at trial regarding a shareholders' dispute on behalf of three physicians against a former partner and medical practice.

\$1 Million Judgment in Breach of Contract Case

Won a judgment for retail client amounting to nearly \$1 million, including attorneys' fees, interest and costs, in a breach of contract case against a national publicly traded

retailer.

Won TRO in Federal Court for Aviation Business

Won a temporary restraining order (TRO) in federal court on behalf of an aviation business in a trade secret case against a former high-level executive.

\$1 Million Verdict After Three-Week Jury Trial in Federal Court

Won a breach of contract/negligent misrepresentation case after a three-week jury trial in federal court concerning high-speed packaging equipment, and obtained a verdict for nearly \$1 million.

Six-Figure Verdict After One-Week Jury Trial

Won a six-figure verdict in a civil conspiracy/fraud/breach of contract case, including punitive damages, for a construction company after a one-week jury trial.

Won Six-Figure Verdict Before Jury in Breach of Contract Case for Medical Group

Won a jury trial and a six-figure verdict on a breach of contract claim for a medical group against two of its former physicians/partners.

Won Noncompete, Unfair Competition Case for National Specialty Retail Chain

Received national press coverage by winning a noncompete and unfair competition case on behalf of a publicly traded, national specialty store chain against a publicly traded, national department store chain.

Won Permanent Injunction in Trade Secret Case for National Franchisor

Won a permanent injunction in a trade secret case against a former executive on behalf of a national franchisor.

Won Settlement in Breach of Contract Arbitration for Former Senior Executive

Won a confidential settlement in a breach of contract arbitration claim filed by a former senior executive against his former employer, a major national retailer.

Obtained Injunction and Monetary Damages in Noncompete Case for National Staffing Company

Won a noncompete case on behalf of a publicly traded, national staffing company against a former top salesperson, obtaining an injunction and monetary damages.

\$8 Million Settlement for Closely Held Business

Won a settlement for over \$8 million on behalf of a closely held business against a publicly traded casino company for breach of contract, fiduciary duties and fraud that settled after two weeks of trial.

Won Directed Verdict for Major Auto Manufacturer

Won a directed verdict at the close of the plaintiff's case on a claim of breach of warranty for a major automobile manufacturer.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

August 1, 2019

Non-Compete Agreements — What Physicians Need to Know

St. Louis Metropolitan Medicine, Vol. 41, No. 4

July 1, 2019

Risking It All? The Business Case for Outside General Counsel

St. Louis Small Business Monthly

May 12, 2016

Employers Should Give Immediate Attention to the New Federal Trade Secrets Act

April 7, 2016

Federal Trade Secret Act Clears the Senate and Secures Support from the White House

January 1, 2015

Trade Secret Litigation – an Updated Overview

Journal of the Missouri Bar

March 1, 2006

Non-Compete Agreements and Unfair Competition — An Updated Overview

Journal of The Missouri Bar