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Chuck Hatfield is recognized by *Chambers USA* as "the preeminent government relations litigator in Missouri." He draws on 25 years' experience litigating and negotiating very high-profile cases, primarily involving some sort of government action, to offer clients a broad and insightful perspective on Missouri's judiciary and broader government relations.

In its annual 100+ List, *The Missouri Times* newspaper stated: Chuck Hatfield's "time at the highest levels of state government have made him very sought after as an attorney in private practice. There is probably no attorney who knows more members of the judiciary and the executive branch in the state. He is also known for his quick wit on social media and willingness to take on tough cases." He has personally handled numerous cases before the Missouri Supreme Court. Chuck regularly appears before administrative agencies, as well as trial and appellate courts at both the state and federal levels.

In his regulatory practice, Chuck has handled matters involving every department of Missouri government. As an outgrowth of his regulatory-based litigation, Chuck is a highly-rated commercial litigator. He defends complex high-stakes litigation, including class actions involving regulated industries such as securities, insurance and merchandising practices. He chairs the

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

- Class Action
- Government Solutions
- Business Litigation
- Government Contracts & Investigations
- Insurance & Health Plans
- Insurance Class Action & Litigation
- Insurance Regulatory & Enforcement
- Insurance Transactions
- Securities Litigation, Arbitration & Enforcement Actions
- White Collar Criminal Defense & Special Investigations

ADMISSIONS

Missouri, 1993

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firm's Financial Services and Class Action Litigation division and its Government Solutions group.

Chuck understands the importance of providing great legal service and value to his clients. As an attorney certified in [Legal Project Management \(LPM\)](#), he has been trained in matter budgeting and management in order to provide transparency and efficiency to his clients.

EXPERIENCE

Government-related matters

- Chuck represented a Fortune 1000 financial services firm for several years in a series of government investigations and lawsuits related to the default of government-issued bonds.
- He has represented numerous insurance companies in investigations, financial and market conduct examinations and contested case proceedings.
- He has successfully handled several government procurement lawsuits with values ranging into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Commercial Litigation

- Chuck regularly counsels clients in investigations and litigation involving the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act (MMPA).
- He has handled multiple class action lawsuits at both the state and federal level.
- He regularly represents clients in breach of contract actions.

Election and Political Law

- Chuck served as lead counsel before the Missouri Supreme Court in a lawsuit to successfully force Missouri officials to provide expanded Medicaid coverage under the Affordable Care Act.

Kansas, 2007

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas

EDUCATION

University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D., 1993

- *Journal of Dispute Resolution*

University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A., *cum laude*, 1989

- Phi Beta Kappa

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- Served as lead counsel before the Missouri Supreme Court in *Legends Bank v. State*, a successful challenge to the constitutionality of campaign finance and ethics legislation.
- He brought a successful First Amendment challenge to a Missouri Constitutional amendment, prevailing both in the Federal District Court and at the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- He has represented dozens of clients in Missouri's initiative petition process, writing proposed changes to Missouri law and litigating initiative petition and signature challenges.

RECOGNITIONS

Missouri Lawyers Media Top 100 POWER List, 2022, 2023

"Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers in America*, 2023

Listed in the 2021-2023 editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for Litigation: General Commercial

Selected to Missouri Lawyers Media Appellate Law POWER List, 2021 – present

Lawyer of the Year by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*

Best Lawyers in America® – Commercial Litigation, Government Relations and Non-Profit/Charities Law

Martindale-Hubbell A/V rated

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Missouri Supreme Court Historic Preservation Committee

Missouri Society of Health Care Attorneys

The Missouri Bar

NEWS

Hatfield Recognized as Top Appellate Law Attorney for Fourth Year in a Row

02.14.2024

Doan, Hatfield Recognized by Missouri Lawyers Media as Top 100 Attorneys in the State

12.15.2023

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175 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2024 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.17.2023

Chambers USA 2023 Legal Guide Recognizes Stinson Attorneys and Practice Groups

06.05.2023

Hatfield Named to Appellate Attorney POWER List, Recognized for Work in Missouri Politics

02.10.2023

Missouri's 100 Most Powerful Attorneys Includes Stinson Partners

12.19.2022

LSEM to Honor Hatfield and Cossette for Work on Medicaid Expansion

08.19.2022

152 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2023 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.18.2022

Best Lawyers in America® Names Nine Stinson Attorneys as "Lawyer of the Year"

08.18.2022

The 2022 *Chambers USA* Guide Recognizes Stinson Attorneys and Practice Groups

06.02.2022

Chuck Hatfield Speaks to *St. Louis Record* About Senate Committee's Recent Action on Missouri Medicaid Expansion

04.20.2022

Chuck Hatfield Named to Appellate Attorney "POWER LIST" for Second Year in a Row

02.28.2022

Work on Missouri Medicaid Expansion Earns Chuck Hatfield "Lawyer of the Year" Honors by *Missouri Lawyers Media*

12.06.2021

Chuck Hatfield Speaks to *Missouri Independent* on Missouri Attorney General's Refusal to Appeal Judge's COVID-19 Ruling

12.03.2021

103 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2022 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.19.2021

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Stinson Represents Citizens in Charge Foundation Before Missouri Supreme Court

05.26.2021

Chambers USA Recognizes Stinson Attorneys and Practice Groups Nationwide

05.25.2021

Chuck Hatfield Speaks on Redistricting at 2021 *Federalist Society* Missouri State Conference

04.07.2021

Chuck Hatfield Named to Appellate Lawyer "POWER LIST"

02.23.2021

Chuck Hatfield Featured by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* on MO Election Law

10.16.2020

112 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.20.2020

Stinson Establishes Coronavirus Task Force to Support Clients

03.12.2020

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"A Cleaner Missouri? Redistricting: What We Can Expect," 2021 Federalist Society Missouri State Conference, March 8, 2021

"Dealing With Government Investigations," ACC St Louis Chapter, 2018 Corporate Counsel Institute, May 16, 2018

PUBLICATIONS

"Raise Your Hand if You are Contributing – FEC Dismissal of Charges Offers Insight about Coercing Contributions to your PAC" – Stinson Leonard Street Insight, July, 2016

"Protestors at Your Door—First Amendment Law Insight," Stinson Leonard Street Insight, November 2015

Missouri Court Decision Endorses Tariff Variances to Support Development

01.04.2023

Missouri OA Removes Public Access to Procurement Materials, Complicating Bid Protest Analysis

09.07.2022

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New Missouri Law Requires LLCs to Register Before Making Political Contributions

08.25.2022

Missouri Revenue Officials Disallow REIT Dividend Deductions

07.26.2022

Missouri Governor Signs Amendments to Consumer Protection and Punitive Damages Statutes into Law

07.07.2020

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