

George F. Verschelden

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George's commitment to his clients, the firm and his community is palpable, leading to productive and meaningful working relationships that produce results.

Clients appreciate George's depth of experience in complex financial services litigation, honed over years of defending class actions in courtrooms and arbitrations. His work on related cases in municipal law, consumer protection, bankruptcy, employment law, IP and criminal law make him a well-rounded counselor and litigator.

Financial institutions, insurance companies, cities and others turn to George when threatened with putative class actions and allegations of violations of consumer protection statutes.

EXPERIENCE

George has defended financial institutions in a range of putative class actions, including alleged violations of state usury laws, deposit account agreements, and other Missouri banking laws. He has also represented financial services clients as creditors in bankruptcy and as plaintiffs seeking to enforce loan agreements.

George has defended several nationwide companies facing consumer protection claims.

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

- Class Action
- Business Litigation
- Pharmaceutical & Medical Device Litigation
- Structured Finance & RMBS Litigation
- Business Ownership Disputes
- Consumer Financial Services
- FinTech, Payments & Financial Products

ADMISSIONS

- Missouri, 2003
- Kansas, 2004
- United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- United States District Court for the District of Kansas
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

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In the product liability field, George has represented pharmaceutical companies in single-plaintiff personal injury claims, as well as pharmaceutical companies and a food manufacturer in class actions alleging economic damages.

George represented a nationwide company in trade secret litigation, leading to a favorable jury verdict for the client.

RECOGNITIONS

Listed in the 2018 - 2024 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® for commercial litigation

Named a Missouri and Kansas *Super Lawyers*® for Business Litigation, 2013 - 2022

"Rising Star," *Super Lawyers*, Business Litigation, 2010 - 2012

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

The Missouri Bar

American Bar Association

Former President of the Board of Directors for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Greater Kansas City Affiliate

Former Treasurer for the Westwood View Educational Enhancement Fund, Inc.

Stinson Leonard Street, Kansas City United Way Campaign, Co-Chair, 2016

Former participant in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Man of the Year fundraising

EDUCATION

University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 2003

- *Virginia Sports and Entertainment Law Journal*, Articles Editor

Kansas State University, B.S., Business Administration, *summa cum laude*, 2000

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NEWS

Super Lawyers Recognizes 29 from Stinson on Missouri and Kansas Top Lists

11.14.2023

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

08.17.2023

Super Lawyers® Recognizes 26 Stinson Attorneys in Missouri and Kansas

11.14.2022

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

08.18.2022

Super Lawyers Recognizes 21 Stinson Attorneys in Missouri and Kansas

11.15.2021

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

08.19.2021

Stinson Attorneys Named to 2020 Kansas & Missouri *Super Lawyers* and Rising Stars

11.16.2020

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

08.20.2020

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Hawthorn Bank Overdraft Case – Usury Does Not Apply, Missouri Bankers Association Presentation, October 2017

“Interviewing Strategies and Techniques,” Internal Presentation, August 2012, August 2013, August 2014

“Removal to Federal Court,” CLE Presentation, June 2007 and April 2010

“Issues Related to Petitions/Complaints, Answers and Service of Process in Federal and State Courts in Missouri and Kansas,” CLE Presentation, November 2008

Bank Fee Litigation

08.10.2021

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