

# Gunnar T. Johanson

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## Gunnar's time in state politics and experience in courtrooms across Missouri informs his dynamic practice today.

Gunnar excels in delivering exceptional legal representation for commercial clients across diverse industries, including real estate development, banking and financial services, and construction.

He is a sought-after advisor for various elected officials, political candidates and campaigns. Gunnar's affinity for political law developed while working as a political consultant in Jefferson City, Missouri, and as a development officer at the University of Missouri. He also spent more than two years working in press and legislative relations with the Missouri Attorney General's Office.

During law school, Gunnar served as an intern for Chief Magistrate Judge David P. Rush at the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri. He was also awarded the Fred L. Howard Prize for Excellence in the Advancement of Advocacy. His written work regarding the initiative petition and referendum process has been published in the Missouri Law Review and relied upon by experts and elected officials.

Prior to joining Stinson, Gunnar worked as a civil trial attorney, successfully securing more than a dozen judgments for clients in matters ranging from the enforcement of creditors' rights to

## PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Business Litigation  
Government Solutions  
Construction  
Real Estate Litigation

## ADMISSIONS

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

## EDUCATION

University of Missouri School of Law, JD.

- *Missouri Law Review*, Associate Editor-in-Chief
- Dean's List
- Teaching Fellow, Property & Civil Procedure

University of Missouri—Columbia, B.A., Political Science

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high-stakes business disputes.

- Mizzou '39 award recipient

Outside of the office, Gunnar enjoys live music, fishing in the Ozarks, and solving the daily *New York Times*' Crossword.

## EXPERIENCE

### Business & Commercial Litigation

Defended claims related to business disputes, noncompete agreements, and trade secrets litigation.

Represented numerous commercial clients in breach of contract and collection cases.

Defended franchisors and time-share companies in related disputes.

Advised business owners in administrative and regulatory compliance.

Represented banks and financial service providers in suits across Missouri regarding their rights as creditors.

Counsels business owners and management with regard to employment-related matters, such as Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and Missouri Commission on Human Rights (MCHR) complaints.

Defended against both personal injury and workers' compensation claims.

Gunnar has also worked on cases involving antitrust claims, class action suits, and product liability issues.

### Government Solutions, Election and Political Law

Defends against ethics complaints lodged against political campaigns and candidates.

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## **Gunnar T. Johanson**

Counsels campaigns on various campaign finance reporting and disclosure requirements.

Reviewed, analyzed, tracked, and drafted legislative proposals in the Missouri General Assembly.

Served as general counsel for political action committees and candidate committees.

Provides guidance with regard to media relations, polling, fundraising, and campaign structure.

Assists in the formation and compliance of political action committees and candidate committees.

Participated in a high-profile litigation concerning the redistricting of state legislative districts and constitutional interpretation.

### **Real Estate & Construction**

Regularly advises clients on various real estate and construction law related issues.

Successfully represented a property owner against a municipality in opposing and invalidating a demolition order.

Assisted contractors and architects in construction related disputes and lien attachment.

Represented a subdivision and its property owners in a case involving an encroaching real estate developer.

Represented both buyers and sellers of real property in transaction-related disputes.

Advised clients with regard to land-use regulations and zoning laws, including representing such clients at hearings before governmental bodies and community meetings.

Represented landlords and property owners in eviction and unlawful detainer suits.

### **PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

FOCUS St. Louis, Spring 2024 Cohort of Emerging Leaders

The American Legion Boys State of Missouri, Volunteer Staff

Community Foundation of the Ozarks, Ash Grove Area Board Member

University of Missouri Extension, Greene County Council Elected Member (exp. May 2023)

Mizzou Alumni Association, Life Member

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## **Gunnar T. Johanson**

The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL), Member

The Springfield (Missouri) Metropolitan Bar Association (SMBA), Member

The Missouri Bar

- Young Lawyers' Section, Council Member

### **NEWS**

Stinson Associate Selected to FOCUS St. Louis Spring 2024 Cohort of Emerging Leaders

02.07.2024

New Associate Joins Stinson in St. Louis

06.27.2023

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