

Dean L. Franklin

THOMPSON COBURN LLP

Dean Franklin is Co-Chair of the Firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group. He has extensive first chair trial experience. He limits his practice to commercial and intellectual property.

Mr. Franklin currently focuses on complex intellectual property matters pending in federal and state courts throughout the United States. Within the intellectual property area Mr. Franklin litigates patent infringement, copyright, trademark and misappropriation of trade secret cases. The products defended and intellectual property protected include automobile repair equipment, elevators, escalators, bridge decks, railway cars, maritime piers, medical devices, drug research, computer storage devices, cable television operations, farm equipment, and relevant computer software and hardware.

Mr. Franklin has served on the board of directors of the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers (MODL). He is a periodic member of the faculty for the annual MODL trial academy for practicing trial lawyers.

Mr. Franklin is included in the 2008 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers® list.

Employment

- **Thompson Coburn LLP**
Partner (1990-Present)
Associate (1983-1989)

Education

- **University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law**
J.D. (1983)
- **University of Cincinnati**
B.A. (1980)

Publications

- Co-author, "Liability of Computer Maintenance Providers under Copyright Law: Storage Tech. Corp. v. Custom Hardware Engineering & Consulting, Inc." *Santa Clara Computer & High Technology Law Journal, Santa Clara University School of Law, Volume 22, Number 4* (May 2006)

Honors

- Winner of 2007 Burton Award for Legal Achievement, in association with The Library of Congress



Primary Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property
- Commercial Litigation

Licensure

- Missouri (1983)
- Illinois (1984)
- Florida (1989)

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- The Missouri Bar
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Missouri Alumni Association
- The Florida Bar
- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy
- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers
Board Member (1998-2005)
Treasurer (2002-2003)
Secretary (2003-2004)
Vice-President (2004-2005)
President (2005-2006)