

Booker T. Shaw

THOMPSON COBURN LLP

Judge Booker T. Shaw is a partner in the Business Litigation Practice Group. Judge Shaw brings valuable insight and perspective to client matters gained from his more than 25 years on the bench. His knowledge of current judicial thinking at the trial and appellate levels on a wide range of issues enhances the Business Litigation Group's ability to argue a client's case more persuasively and to craft the most effective strategy.

Judge Shaw served in the 22nd Judicial Circuit as an associate circuit judge and later as a circuit judge. In 2002, he was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. He began serving as chief judge of that Court in July 2006. At the trial court, Judge Shaw presided in more than 500 jury and non-jury trials, and he has participated in over one thousand cases at the appellate court. He has authored 141 opinions on a variety of cases, from medical negligence and nuisance/sovereign immunity to commercial transactions, contracts, and personal injury.

Prior to his judicial posts, he worked at the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Circuit Attorney's Office, where he tried more than 50 criminal cases to verdict before a jury. In all but two of these trials, the jury returned a guilty verdict.

In addition to his decades of public service as a distinguished jurist, Judge Shaw continues to give back to the legal profession. He has taught trial advocacy at Washington University School of Law since 1995 and has been an instructor at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy since 1999. He also frequently speaks at Missouri Bar continuing legal education programs.

Notable Opinions

- *Geary v. St. Louis University*, 2008 WL 4793653 (2008)
- *Vonder Haar v. Six Flags*, 261 S.W. 3d 680 (1980)
- *Richey v. D.P. Properties*, 252 S.W. 3d 249 (2008)
- *Comp & Soft Inc. v. AT&T Corp.*, 252 S.W. 3d 189 (2008)
- *Ryerson v. Hemar Insurance Corp. of America*, 200 S.W. 3d 170 (2006)
- *Fischer v. Brancato*, 147 S.W. 3d 794 (2004)

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Lawyer's Association of St. Louis
- Missouri Bar Association
- Mound City Bar Association
- National Bar Association, Judicial Council

Civic Involvement

- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis



Employment

- Thompson Coburn LLP (2009)
- Missouri Court of Appeals, E.D. (2002-2009, Chief Judge 2006-2007)
- Circuit Judge, 22nd Circuit (1995-2002)
- Associate Circuit Judge, 22nd Circuit (1983-1995)
- Circuit Attorney's Office (1976-1983)
- Federal Trade Commission (1975)
- U. S. Department of Justice (1974)

Honors

- **Judicial Conference Award**
National Bar Association
- **Award of Excellence**
Mound City Bar Association
- **Career Achievement Award**
Circuit Attorney's Office
- **Black Law Students Association Award**
Washington University
- **Sentinel Newspapers Editorial Honoree**
- **Professional Achievement Award**
Junior Chamber of Commerce of America

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Presentations

- "Winning with Summary Judgments," The Missouri Bar Association (June 13, 2006 and June 20, 2007)
- "Tips from the Appellate Bench," The Missouri Bar Association (January 20, 2005 and September 21, 2005)

Education

- **Catholic University of America**
J.D. (1976)
- **Southern Illinois University at Carbondale**
B.A. (1973)

Primary Practice Areas

- Business Litigation

Licensure

- Missouri (1976)