

Mary M. Bonacorsi

THOMPSON COBURN LLP

Mary Bonacorsi has been a partner in the business litigation department for 20 years and is the chair of the real estate and construction litigation practice area. She has handled a variety of real estate and construction litigation matters from eminent domain and land use to construction disputes. She has tried more than 75 jury and non-jury cases to conclusion and is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. She is also a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She serves as co-chairperson of the Federal Practice Committee for the Eastern District of Missouri, acting as liaison with the judges of the Eastern District of Missouri on local rules, seminars and other federal practice issues.

Professional Affiliations

- **American Bar Association**
Litigation, Labor & Employment, and Probate and Real Property Sections
- **Missouri Bar Association**
- **The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis**
- **Illinois Bar Association**
- **The American Bar Foundation**
Fellow
- **American Board of Trial Advocates**
- **Federal Practice Memorial Trust**
Trustee (2001-Present)
- **Federal Practice Committee of Eastern District of Missouri**
Member and Chairperson (1988-Present)
- **Committee for Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference**
Member, Attorney
Admission Fee Fund Committee
- **Federal Magistrate Selection Panel**
Chair (1991-1992)
- **Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers** (2005-2006)
- **Best Lawyers in America 2006**

Civic Involvement

- **The Salvation Army**
Chairperson (2000-2002)
Vice Chair (1998-2000)
Executive Committee (1996-Present)
Treasurer (1996-1998)
Chair, Property Committee (1998-Present)
Chair, Finance Committee (1996-1998)
- **Lutheran Family & Children's Services**
Public Relations Committee to Advisory Board
- **United Way of Greater St. Louis**
Consultant, Court Appointed Special Advocates



Employment

- **Thompson Coburn LLP**
Partner (1984-Present)
Associate (1977-1983)

Education and Academic Honors

- **Washington University School of Law**
(J.D., *Order of the Coif*, 1977)
- **Washington University**
(B.S., 1971)

Primary Practice Areas

- Real Estate and Construction Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Government Law (Eminent Domain)

Licensure

- Missouri, 1977
- Illinois, 1981

Speeches and Publications

"Legal Pitfalls of Value Engineering," Missouri Lawyer's Weekly, August 16, 1999.

"Mullenix v. City of St. Charles: A Significant Case for Operations of Municipal Water and Sewer Systems," Missouri Municipal Review, July 1999.

"Franchise Acquisitions: Who Wins? Who Loses?" ABA Franchise Law Journal, Fall, 1998.

"Environmental Issues in Condemnation: Assuring the Condemnor the Same Environmental Information as the Ordinary Real Estate Buyer," Illinois Municipal Review, September 1998.

"Environmental Issues in Condemnation: Assuring the Same Environmental information as the Ordinary Real Estate Buyer," Right of Way, August 1998.

"ESOP Valuation Methodologies Case Study," presented at a meeting of the Valuation Roundtable, July 8, 1998.

"15 Hour Review of the Law, Business Litigation" sponsored by University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law June, 1996.

"Legal Issues in Delivery of Social Services" Salvation Army National Social Services Conference, St. Louis, MO, March, 1996.

Moderator, "The Changing Face of Federal Court Practice", Federal Practice Seminar sponsored by the Federal Practice Committee, E.D. Mo., February, 1996.

"Impact of **Conopco** on Private Label Trade Dress" Special Legal Strategy Session, Private Label Manufacturers' Association Annual Washington Conference, September, 1995.

"Effective Use of Protective Orders in State and Federal Courts" Civil Practice and Procedure, 1995 sponsored by MoBarCLE and the Civil Practice and Procedure Committee, February, 1995.

"How to Deal with the Difficult Lawyer", sponsored by the National Practice Institute, November, 1994.

"Patient vs. Health Insurer: Who Pays the Cost of New Medical Technologies for Catastrophic Illnesses:", St. Louis Bar Journal, Fall 1993.

"Common Issues in Civil RICO", Federal Practice Seminar sponsored by University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, June, 1992.

Representative Clients

- A.P. Green Industries, Inc.
- Alumax, Inc.
- Amax Corp.
- American Cyanamid
- Benjamin Ansehl Company
- Bi-State Development Agency
- City of Brentwood
- City of St. Charles
- Convergys Corporation
- Household International, Inc.
- Massachusetts Indemnity & Life Insurance Company
- US Bank
- Peabody Coal Company
- Sedgwick James
- Shell Oil Company
- Union Pacific Corporation
- University of Missouri

Speeches and Publications (continued)

"*Business Torts*" Seminar sponsored by University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, April, 1991 and April, 1992.

"*Federal Court Practice: The Do's and Don'ts*" sponsored by the Federal Practice Committee, E.D. Mo., March, 1988.

Lecturer, Washington University School of Law, 1979-1981.