



Kristen Sanocki

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PRACTICES

- Appeals
- Business Litigation
- Complex and Class Actions
- Tax

EDUCATION

- University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, J.D., cum laude, Order of the Barristers, Chair, Board of Advocates, 2014
- Missouri State University, B.S., Political Science, magna cum laude, Board of Governors Citizen Scholar, 2010

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri

AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Missouri Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP
Associate, 2018-2022 Partner,
2023-Present

Kristen is a litigator representing corporations in sophisticated complex commercial disputes, multidistrict litigation, and class actions across the country.

Kristen has a particularly strong state and local tax (SALT) practice that centers on representing taxpayers in sales/use, property, corporate income, and other tax controversies. She regularly handles tax appeals before the Missouri Administrative Hearing Commission and other state and local agencies.

Clients rely on Kristen's precise attention to detail when resolving business contract disputes. She has a reputation as a legal strategist and is called upon to handle cases in many industries including manufacturing, telecommunications, financial services, agribusiness, and more. Kristen fiercely advocates for clients while managing all stages of litigation, including initial case assessment, large-scale discovery, dispositive motions, and trial. Her experience also includes both jury trials and the appeals process.

Kristen is a former Deputy Counsel to the Governor of the State of Missouri. As Deputy Counsel, Kristen was responsible for overseeing the legal departments for state agencies, leading the Governor's judicial selection process, including the appointment of more than 20 judges to St. Louis courts and counseling the office on high-profile litigation.

Recognitions

- Listed in "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" for Commercial Litigation in St. Louis, Missouri (by BL Rankings)
 - 2021-2024
- Listed in "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" for Litigation and Controversy – Tax in St. Louis, Missouri (by BL Rankings)
 - 2022-2024

Presentations

- "Missouri State Tax Update," Tax Executives Institute, Inc., Presenter, March 2024
- "State Income Tax for Sales Tax Professionals," Institute for

Professionals in Taxation (IPT), 2023 Sales Tax Symposium, Presenter, October 2023

- "Top Ten Income Tax Cases That Will Have You Yee-Hawing," Institute for Professionals in Taxation (IPT), 2023 Annual Conference, Moderator, June 2023
- "West Coast State Income Tax Updates," Institute for Professionals in Taxation (IPT), 2022 Annual Conference, Moderator, June 2022
- "National Judicial Update & Discussion of Selected State Tax Issues, Cases, and Policy Trends " Council On State Taxation (COST), Midwest Regional State Tax Seminar, August 2019

Community

- Commission on Racial and Ethnic Fairness, Supreme Court of Missouri, Member, Data Subcommittee