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PRACTICES

- Railroad

EDUCATION

- Southern Illinois University School of Law, J.D., summa cum laude, 2009, Editor, SIU Law Journal, Domestic Violence Legal Clinic
- Southern Illinois University, B.A., cum laude, 2002

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri
- Illinois USDC, Southern District
- Missouri USDC, Eastern District
- Missouri USDC, Western District

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

- BNSF Railway Company
- Norfolk Southern

AFFILIATIONS

- Illinois Bar Association
- Missouri Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- St. Clair County Bar Association

Misty represents companies facing litigation in high-risk venues across southern Illinois.

As a member of the firm's Railroad practice, she advocates for major railroads in FELA cases and other personal injury actions involving major trauma or fatalities at grade crossings. Misty has second-chaired multiple trials in St. Clair County that have resulted in defense verdicts. She also plays a lead role in the drafting and research of strategic summary judgments, many of which have led to the dismissal of claims.

Misty also represents railroad, manufacturing, shipping, and tobacco companies in class actions, general commercial litigation and toxic tort actions, including those alleging exposure to asbestos.

Publications

- "Does What Happens on Facebook Stay on Facebook?: Discovery, Admissibility, Ethics and Social Media"; *Illinois Bar Journal*, July 2010
- "In Re Marriage of Matchen, 866 N.E. 2d 683 (Ill App. Ct. 2007): Illinois Removal Standards Do Not Match Up With the Current National Trend"; *SIU Law Journal*, Winter 2009

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP
Associate, 2011-Present
- Boggs, Avellino, Lach & Boggs,
LLC Associate, 2009-2010 Clerk,
Summer 2008
- University Ombudsman Office
Law Clerk, 2007-2009

COMMUNITY

- Step It Up, Inc.
- Women Lawyers' Association of
Greater St. Louis