



Pamela Meanes

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PRACTICES

- Business Litigation
- Real Estate and Construction Litigation
- Labor and Employment
- Public Law (Eminent Domain)

EDUCATION

- University of Iowa, J.D., 1996
- Clark Atlanta University, M.A., 1993
- Monmouth College, B.A., 1990

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

- Fifth Third Bank
- Furniture Brands International, Inc.
- The Kroger Co.
- MERS/Goodwill
- Metropolitan Sewer District

AFFILIATIONS

- National Bar Association, President, 2014-2015, President-Elect, 2013-2014, Vice President of Finance, 2011-2013, Deputy General Counsel, 2009-2010, Regional Director, Region VIII, 2007-2008 and 2009-2011
- American Bar Association, Co-Chair of the Legal Services Project, 2008-2009
- Missouri State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Executive

Pam is an experienced civil litigator who leads on issues of civil rights and equal justice under the law.

Pam has held numerous leadership positions with the National Bar Association, the nation's largest African American bar association, including her service as the NBA's 2014-2015 President. Throughout her leadership of the NBA, Pam has played a major role in nationwide efforts to address voting rights, equal justice, education as a new civil right, and a more diverse judiciary.

In her litigation practice, Pam represents corporations, public agencies and financial institutions on a variety of matters. Pam's experience includes:

- Defended financial institutions on various contract, mechanics lien and lender liability matters
- Managed and negotiated over 200 complex land acquisitions for a major transportation agency in a leading midwest city
- Supervised discovery team consisting of numerous attorneys, paralegals and supporting staff in multi-million dollar breach of contract case
- Tried or second-chaired bench and jury trials to conclusion on various civil matters
- Defended senior executives and a nonprofit organization on matters related to race and sexual harassment.

Recognitions

- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America®, 2014-2021 (by BL Rankings)
- Listed in Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers, 2014-2019 (by Thomson Reuters)
- National Bar Association
 - Region of the Year, 2010 & 2011
 - Presidential Award, 2010
 - Affiliate Chapter of the Year 2006-2007
 - Outstanding Affiliate Award, 2006-2007
- National Bar Association, Young Lawyer's Division

Council, 1999-2000

- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Chair of YLD Legal Beagles Committee, 1999-2000, Co-Chair of Minorities in Legal Profession Committee, 2000-2001
- Mound City Bar Association, President, 2006-Present, President-Elect, 2005-2006
- Illinois State Bar Association

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2005-Present Associate, 1996-2004 Summer Associate, 1995

COMMUNITY

- MERS Goodwill, Board of Directors
- Mound City Bar Association Foundation, President, Board of Directors, 2008-2010
- Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Board of Directors, 2007-2011
- Greater East St. Louis Community Fund, Inc., Board of Directors, 2007-2010
- Care and Counseling, Board of Directors, 2009-2010
- National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Court, Missouri Liaison, 2006-2007
- 2007 Merit Selection Panel for Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judge Lewis M. Blanton, Chairperson
- The Saint Louis Argus 2008 Legends Committee, Co-Chairperson
- The New Freedom Church Mentorship Program, Founder

- Outstanding Affiliate Award, 2006-2007
- Hon. A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Memorial Award, 2010
- Washington University BLSA, 2009
 - Outstanding Achievement in Public Service, 2009
- St. Louis University BLSA
 - Outstanding Attorney, 2008
 - Judge Theodore McMillian Award, 2005
- St. Louis Women of Achievement
 - Women of Achievement Award, 2008
- Professional Organization of Women
 - African American Woman of Distinction, 2008
- Missouri Lawyers Weekly
 - “Up and Coming Lawyers”, 2007
- YWCA Leader of Distinction Award, 2007
- St. Louis Business Journal
 - Most Influential Minority Business Leader, 2007
 - 40 Under 40 Recipient, 2005
- United Who’s Who Honored Lifetime Member 2005
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
 - Award of Merit, 2000