



## Rachel Harris

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### PRACTICES

- Business Litigation

### EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2014
- Missouri State University, B.S., summa cum laude, 2010

### ADMISSIONS

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

### AFFILIATIONS

- ABA, Section of Taxation: State and Local Taxes Committee; Exempt Organizations Committee
- ABA, Administrative Law Section
- ABA Section of Litigation, Litigation News Contributing Editor
- ABA Young Lawyers Division, TYL Associate Editor
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Pro Bono Committee
- International Legal Technology Association
- Institute of Professionals in Taxation

Rachel combines the precision of a technical writer with the advocacy of a plaintiff's attorney to help clients tackle complex legal problems.

She has helped clients in the healthcare, nonprofit, food, cosmetics, technology and life sciences industries navigate regulatory investigations, electronic discovery, administrative litigation, class actions, depositions, arbitration and appeal. She practices the gambit of business litigation with a proclivity for state and local tax controversies, government investigations and administrative appeals.

Rachel is experienced at managing electronic discovery, having led E-Discovery committees for several complex cases involving Fortune 500 pharmaceutical, cosmetic and biotechnology companies. She helped successfully compel in camera inspection and production of hundreds of withheld documents in one complex medical device litigation, and she has helped negotiate several ESI protocols and protective orders from both plaintiff and defense perspectives. Rachel has argued before the Missouri Court of Appeals and briefed arguments before the Missouri Supreme Court.

Prior to joining the Firm, Rachel litigated complex pharmaceutical and environmental multi-district litigations (MDLs) for a leading plaintiff's firm. Before attending law school, she studied technical writing and worked as a writing consultant for Missouri State University's Center for Learning and Writing. In law school, faculty selected her to serve as a teaching assistant to students in Legal Research and Writing and Moot Court courses.

Rachel has since written a number of articles for various print and digital publications. Rachel currently serves as a Contributing Editor for Litigation News, a flagship publication of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation reaching over 60,000 members. She also serves as an Associate Editor for The Young Lawyer (TYL) and After the Bar, a print magazine and digital publication for the ABA's Young Lawyers Division that reaches approximately 110,000 readers in the U.S. and worldwide.

In her spare time, Rachel manages social media for BARx Adaptive Training, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing adaptive athletes with a fully accessible facility and fitness programming at no cost to the athlete. She also volunteers as a pro bono attorney for the Animal Legal Defense Fund, court-appointed civil rights cases and Legal Services of Eastern Missouri's Community Economic Development, Adopt-A-

#### EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn, LLP  
Associate, 2019 - Present
- Berger Cohen & Brandt, LC  
Associate, 2018 - 2019
- Schlichter Bogard & Denton, LLP  
Associate, 2014-2018

#### COMMUNITY

- Great Rivers Environmental Law  
Center, Young Professionals  
Board
- Volunteer Lawyers and  
Accountants for the Arts,  
Volunteer
- LSEM Community Economic  
Development Program, Volunteer
- LSEM Volunteer Lawyers  
Program

Neighborhood and Volunteer Lawyers programs. She also helps nonprofits gain and maintain tax-exempt status and resolve board governance issues through the Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts.

#### Recognitions

- Listed in "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" for Commercial Litigation in St. Louis, Missouri (by BL Rankings), 2021
- Recognized, Top 40 Under 40, by The National Trial Lawyers
- Listed, Pro Bono Wall of Fame, by The Missouri Bar
- Student Pupil, Theodore McMillian American Inns of Court
- Recognized, Woman of Distinction, by the Ozark Alliance of Women
- Recipient, U.S. Presidential Volunteer Service Award, by the Corporation for National & Community Service

#### Presentations

- Legal Structures for Entrepreneurs with Social Goals: Benefit Corporations, L3Cs, Nonprofit Organizations, and B-Corp Certification  
Venture Cafe November 2018
- TC's Tax Tidbits Associated Industries of Missouri Tax, Manufacturing & Business Conference October 18, 2019

#### Publications

- Pro Bono 2.0: Reimagining Access to Justice in the Greater St. Louis Region *St. Louis Bar Journal* April 2019