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Chris Seibold is a principal practicing in the firm's Kansas City office. Chris is a seasoned litigator and has extensive trial experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants in complex litigation matters. He focuses his practice in the areas of product liability, construction, premises liability, transportation, arson-fraud litigation, employment law, and insurance coverage. Chris has represented clients throughout the Midwest, including state and federal courts in Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas and Kansas as well as matters pending before the American Arbitration Association.

Chris is routinely retained pre-litigation, and he prides himself on early case assessment and evaluation with an eye toward effective case resolution. Drawing on his actual trial experience, Chris is able to provide his clients with a comprehensive set of litigation skills while balancing the client's economic interests. Significant matters Chris has handled include a serious personal injury suffered by a tire explosion and a multimillion-dollar construction defect case related to the building envelope at a college dormitory.

As evidence of his zealous advocacy, Chris has obtained a number of top defense verdicts in Missouri including No. 11 in 2018 in a premises liability case, No. 3 in 2010 in a wrongful death product liability case pending in St. Louis City Circuit Court, and No. 22 in 2008 in an insurance coverage matter pending in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri. In addition, he has been named to the Benchmark 40 & Under Hot List four years in a row and selected as a Super Lawyers Missouri & Kansas "Rising Star."

When not practicing law, Chris is a huge supporter of Missouri Tiger athletics, enjoying live music, and scrambling on the golf course.

Published Appellate Opinions

Switzer Living Trust v. Lake Lotawana Association, (Mo. App. W.D. 2024)

Berliner v. Ameren Services Corp., 501 S.W.3d 59 (Mo. App. E.D. 2016)

Roller v. American Modern Home Ins. Co., 484 S.W.3d 110 (Mo. App. W.D. 2015)

Key v. Diamond International Trucks, 453 S.W.3d 352 (Mo. App. W.D. 2015)

Beckon v. AMCO Ins. Co., 616 F.3d 812 (8th Cir. 2010)

Goralnik v. United Fire & Casualty Company, 240 S.W.3d 203 (Mo. App. E.D. 2007)

Prior Legal Experience

Intern, Hon. Mary Kuhnmuensch, Milwaukee County Circuit Court

Academic Honors and Activities

Moot Court General Board Member

CALI Award in Torts and Federal Income Taxation

Sports Law Society Member

Law Alumni Scholarship recipient

Practice Areas

Product Liability

Transportation

Construction Law

Subrogation

Employment Law

Arson-Fraud Litigation

Insurance Law

Maritime Litigation

Veterinary Health Care

Liability

Professional Liability

More About Chris

Education & Bar Admissions

Education

- Marquette University Law School (J.D., cum laude, 2006)
- University of Missouri (B.S., magna cum laude, 2003)

Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- Kansas
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas
- Federal District Court of Kansas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

Recent Achievements

- The Power List: Construction Law Attorneys, Missouri Lawyers Media, 2023
- Super Lawyers - Civil Litigation: Defense, Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers (2022-2023)
- Best Lawyers - Construction Law, Insurance Law, Litigation – Construction, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (2024)
- Benchmark Litigation, Future Star (2022-2023)
- Up & Coming Award, Missouri Lawyers Weekly (2021)
- Honoree - Benchmark 40 & Under Hot List (2018-2021)
- Rising Stars - Civil Litigation Defense, Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers (2013-2016, 2021)

Professional Affiliations

- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers

Speaking

- Presenter and Program Chair, "Navigating the Maze of New Decisions: Case Law Update," Brown & James Insurance Law & General Defense Symposium, January 2024
 - Presenter and Program Chair, "Decision Makers: Missouri, Kansas and Illinois," Brown & James Insurance Law & Medical Malpractice Defense Symposium, January 2023
 - Presenter and Program Chair, "I'll Give You Something to Cry About: Dealing with DOI Complaints and Public Adjusters," Brown & James General Defense & Insurance Law Symposium, January 2022
 - Presenter, "The Party's Over: Liability for Criminal Acts of Third Parties in Missouri, Illinois and Kansas," Brown & James Insurance Law & General Defense Symposium, January 2021
 - Presenter, "It's Worth a Shot: Analyzing Dram Shop Claims in Illinois, Kansas and Missouri," Brown & James General Defense & Insurance Law Symposium, January 2020
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