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John D. Cooney is a principal with Brown & James, P.C., practicing in the firm's St. Louis office. Mr. Cooney represents individuals and corporations, often through their insurers. He concentrates his practice on the defense of civil lawsuits with a particular emphasis on premises liability, products liability, and the defense of uninsured and underinsured motorist cases. Mr. Cooney has significant litigation experience and has taken multiple trials to verdict throughout the State of Missouri. This experience has provided Mr. Cooney with an extensive knowledge base in handling complex and challenging cases, as well as bringing them to a successful conclusion through dispositive motions or trial.

Favorable Jury Verdicts

Education Realty Trust v. Excel Plumbing(2020). Jury Trial in City of St. Louis Circuit Court

Kuhlenbeck v. Schaefer (2017). Jury Trial in St. Charles County Circuit Court

Mavrakis v. Mary Engelbreit Studios, Inc. (2017). Jury Trial in St. Louis County Circuit Court

Kuhlman Contracting, LLC v. Mahne (2016). Jury Trial in St. Charles County Circuit Court

Rancilio v. Abrigo, et al. (2016). Jury Trial in Madison County Circuit Court

Burch v. Naeger (2015). Jury Trial in Madison County Circuit Court

Runyon v. Runyon (2015). Jury Trial in Pike County Circuit Court

Brent Newman Trucking v. Cross (2014). Jury Trial in Randolph County Circuit Court

Swanson v. Lottmann (2013). Jury trial in Gasconade County Circuit Court

Argall v. Terry Farm Supply (2013). Jury trial in Ozark County Circuit Court

Mauk v. Mahan (2011). Jury trial in Iron County Circuit Court

Erbe v. Metrotech (2011). Jury trial in St. Charles County Circuit Court

Commercial Bank of Oak Grove v. Odd Fellows Lodge of Oak Grove(2011). Jury Trial in Jackson County Circuit Court

Academic Honors and Activities

Practice Areas

Business and Commercial
Litigation
Insurance Law
Premises and Retail Liability
Product Liability
Transportation

More About John

Education & Bar Admissions

Education

- University of Missouri - Columbia (J.D., 2008)
- Marquette University (B.S., 2005)

Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri

Recent Achievements

- Best Lawyers - Insurance Law, The Best Lawyers in America (2021)
- Honoree - Benchmark 40 & Under Hot List (2018-2020)
- Up & Coming Award, Missouri Lawyers Weekly (2019)

Publications

- Determining When to Start the Clock: The "Capable of Ascertainment" Standard and Repressed Memory Sexual Abuse Cases. 72 Mo. L. Rev. 633. (2007)

Speaking

- Presenter, "Case Law Update," Brown & James General Defense & Insurance Law Symposium, January 2020
- Presenter and Program Chair, "Case Law Update," Brown & James General Defense & Insurance Law Symposium (January 2019)
- Presenter, "Case Law Update: 'The Times They Are A-Changin,'" Brown & James General Defense & Insurance Law Symposium (January 2018)
- Presenter, "The Hot 'New' Cause of Action: Missouri's Merchandising Practices Act," Brown & James General Defense & Insurance Law Symposium (January 2017)
- Presenter, "Valued Policy Statutes, Partial Loss Statutes, and Mortgagee Claims" Grinnell Mutual Claims Seminar (2013)
- Presenter, "Advanced Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Law" National Business Institute (March 2013)
- Presenter, "Personal Injury 101" National Business Institute (May 2012)