

Paul M. Brown

THOMPSON COBURN LLP

Paul M. Brown concentrates his practice in the defense of personal injury lawsuits in state and federal courts. He has tried in excess of fifty jury cases in his career and has defended wrongful death and personal injury lawsuits involving aviation, maritime, railroad, trucking, and industrial accidents and toxic exposure. He also has handled lawsuits in the areas of real estate, breach of contract, fraud, product liability, labor violence, civil rights, and regulatory. His litigation experience includes the defense of 600 toxic exposure mass tort claims arising out of the transportation of hazardous materials by rail and the prosecution of a \$30 million environmental clean-up and toxic tort liability cost recovery action. He has published a number of articles in professional journals and lectured extensively before various bar organizations on topics related to trial practice.

Noteworthy

- American Board of Trial Advocates
- Super Lawyer - Missouri (Law & Politics Magazine)
- Adjunct Professor - St. Louis University School of Law

Education

- **University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law**
J.D. (1979)
Order of the Coif
Order of the Barristers
Associate Editor-in-Chief, Missouri Law Review
Chairman, Board of Advocates
- **University of Missouri-Columbia**
B.A. Political Science, *cum laude* (1976)
- **Westminster College**
(1972-1973)

Professional Affiliations

- **The Missouri Bar Association**
- **Illinois State Bar Association**
- **Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers**
Executive Board (1991-1998)
Chairman, Substantive Law Section on Railroad, FELA, Jones Act, and Admiralty Litigation (1992-Present)
Member, Judiciary Committee (1990-1992)
Vice Chairman, Legislative Committee (1992-2000)
- **Illinois Association of Defense Counsel**
- **American Bar Association**



Primary Practice Areas

- Personal Injury Defense
- Toxic Tort
- Environmental Litigation

Licensure

- Missouri (1979)
- Illinois (1980)

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Publications

- "Corporate Designee Depositions," *Railroad Litigator's Notebook*, National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel (2008)
- "Using Amended Rule 57.07 To Make Opposing Counsel Think Twice About Noticing Up Corporate Designee Depositions of Your Clients," *Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers Newsletter* (October, 2003)
- "Hearsay," *Encyclopedia of Public Policy and Administration*, Henry Holt & Co. (1996)
- "Impeachment," *International Encyclopedia of Public Policy and Admin.*, Henry Holt & Co. (1996)
- "Improper Venue Based on Pretensive Joinder - Recognizing and Beating the Plaintiff's Effort to Manipulate Venue," *Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers Newsletter* (July, 1994)
- "Railroad Grade Crossing Cases: State and Federal Preemption of Allegations of Inadequate Crossing Protection, Inadequate Crossing Design, and Excessive Speed," *Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers Newsletter* (October, 1992)
- "Righting the Wrong of Woytus: A Proposal for Adoption of a Rule Permitting Depositions Limited to Discovery of Expert Testimony," *56 Missouri Law Review* 75 (1991)
- "Constitutional Law -- School Financing System Based on Local Property Tax Violative of Equal Protection Clause of State Constitution," *43 Missouri Law Review* 322 (1978)

Speaking Engagements

- "Contractual Indemnity Under Industry Sidetrack Agreements," National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel, 2006 Winter Meeting, Naples, FL (February, 2006)
- "Defending Corporate Designee Depositions," American Association of Railroads Claims Conference, Kansas City, MO, September 21, 2001; Union Pacific Claims Conference, Baraboo, WI, May 30, 2002; Southeastern Claims Conference Meeting, Daytona Beach, FL, June 20, 2002
- "Lead Exposure Claims in the Railroad Industry," American Association of Railroads Tort Working Group, New Orleans, LA, January 17, 2001; Texas Association of Railroad Trial Counsel, Dallas, TX, April 20, 2001; Occupational Injury Claims Seminar, Denver, CO, June 22, 2002
- "Corporate Designee Depositions," Loramar Education Services Legal Seminars, St. Louis, Missouri (November 1999; November 2000; June 2002)
- "Presenting the Deposition at Trial," Loramar Education Services Legal Seminars, St. Louis, Missouri (November 1999; November 2000; June 2002)
- "Expert Depositions," Missouri Bar CLE, St. Louis, Missouri (March 8, 1996 and February 12, 1999)
- "Dealing with Difficult Opposing Counsel," Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys, Ethics Seminar, St. Louis, Missouri (March 12, 1993)
- "Using Computers to Evaluate Back Injury Claims: B200 Testing as Part of the Independent Medical Examination," Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers, Defense Law Symposium, St. Louis, Missouri, October 1992; National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel, Winter Meeting, Palm Beach, Florida, Feb. 1994 (transcript and materials published in the NARTC Chronicle)
- "Secrets of Successful Defense -- Jury Voir Dire," Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers, Annual Meeting, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri (April 26, 1992)
- "Ex Parte Contacts With Current and Former Employees of Parties and Prospective Parties," Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers, Defense Law Symposium, St. Louis (December, 1991)
- "How to Get a Present Value Instruction Without Putting On a Witness," National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel, 1990 Spring Meeting, Carmel, California. (transcript and materials published in the NARTC Chronicle) (May, 1990)
- "Sources of Proof -- Exhibits, Demonstrative Evidence, Judicial Notice, and the Expert Witness in Court," Missouri Bar CLE, Cape Girardeau, Missouri and Hannibal, Missouri (September, 1989)

Instruction

- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers, Trial Academy, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, April, 1991; April, 1993.