



Amanda Hettinger

Partner

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PRACTICES

- Business Litigation
- Class Action

EDUCATION

- University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., magna cum laude, 2003, Order of the Coif
- Southern Illinois University, B.S., magna cum laude, 2000, Chancellor's Scholar

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri
- Illinois USDC, Northern District
- Missouri USDC, Eastern District
- Missouri USDC, Western District
- US Ct Appeals, 8th Circuit (Covers AR, IA, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD)

AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Litigation Section
- Missouri Bar Association
- Illinois Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2012-Present
- Associate, 2003-2011
- Summer Associate, 2002

Amanda is a litigator and highly experienced trial team leader for Fortune 500 companies facing class actions and complex business disputes.

Amanda's career focuses on helping companies effectively respond to class actions and multi-district litigation related to consumer fraud allegations, particularly the disclosure aspects of the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act, as well as navigate complex commercial disputes. Amanda has a national practice where she regularly successfully argues motions and appeals, drafts briefs securing the dismissal of multimillion dollar lawsuits, resolves significant tax disputes with state and local taxing authorities, defends companies before arbitration panels, and reviews and drafts legislation aimed at resolving legal issues with a broader public impact.

She also represents public sector entities with constitutional issues and related litigation surrounding pension reform efforts, including the City of St. Louis' high-profile victory regarding the \$50 million overhaul of its firefighter pension program.

Proactively collaborating with in-house counsel, Amanda creates effective litigation strategies and plans for the larger impact of litigation on a company's business practices and products. She keenly understands that more than just a litigation outcome is at stake, taking time to understand how litigation strategies align with a company's business model, including immersing herself in the industry at issue so she can connect with key internal stakeholders, from engineers to marketing/sales to business analysts, who may be affected by the litigation.

Amanda also pays close attention to legal spend when directing litigation teams, ensuring efficiency, accuracy, and attention to detail across multi-disciplinary teams of attorneys, paralegals, technologists, and external vendors.

Amanda serves as a vice-chair of the Firm's Business Litigation Practice Group and a co-chair of the Firm's Diversity Committee.

Experience

- **Represented a Fortune 20 company in complex multi-year litigation regarding municipal tax obligations.**

COMMUNITY

- Federal Practice Committee for the Eastern District of Missouri, Member
 - United Way of Greater St. Louis, Cabinet Member, Women's Leadership Society, 2013-2021, Allocation Panel, 2006-2021
 - Selected for inclusion in FOCUS St. Louis Leadership Class, 2023-2024
 - U.S. District Court Eastern District Missouri, Trustee, Federal Practice Memorial Trust
- **Represents a national telecommunications company in multi-state consumer merchandising practices litigation.**
 - **Represents one of the country's largest liquor distributors in a high-profile franchise and competition disputes.**
 - **Represents one of the country's largest agricultural companies in a variety of matters ranging from defending consumer class actions and MDLs to complex contractual disputes.**

Recognitions

- Named as a Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer, 2024