



## Dean Franklin

### Senior Counsel

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#### PRACTICES

- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Commercial Litigation

#### EDUCATION

- University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1983
- University of Cincinnati, B.A., 1980

#### ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- Illinois
- Missouri

#### AFFILIATIONS

- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers, President, 2005-2006, Vice-President, 2004-2005, Secretary, 2003-2004, Treasurer, 2002-2003, Board Member, 1998-2005
- Academy of Science of St. Louis, Member, Board of Trustees
- American Bar Association
- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Missouri Alumni Association
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy
- The Florida Bar
- The Missouri Bar

Dean has extensive first chair trial experience, limiting his practice to intellectual property and commercial litigation.

Dean focuses on complex intellectual property and commercial matters pending in federal and state courts across the country. These matters include patent infringement, copyright, trademark, misappropriation of trade secret, anti-trust and breach of contract cases. The products defended and intellectual property protected include automobile repair equipment, elevators, escalators, bridge decks, railway cars, maritime piers, medical devices, drug research, computer storage devices, cable television operations, farm equipment, and relevant computer software and hardware.

Dean is past president of the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers (MODL). He is included in The Best Lawyers in America® 2016-2023 (by BL Rankings) and Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers 2008-2019 (by Thomson Reuters).

#### Recognitions

- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America (by BL Rankings), 2010-2025
- Listed in Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers (by Thomson Reuters), 2008-2021
- Winner of 2007 Burton Award for Legal Achievement, (in association with The Library of Congress)

#### Publications

- Co-Author, "Liability of Computer Maintenance Providers under Copyright Law: Storage Tech. Corp. v. Custom Hardware Engineering & Consulting, Inc."; *Santa Clara Computer & High Technology Law Journal, Santa Clara University School of Law, Volume 22, Number 4, May 2006*

#### Employment

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 1990-Present Associate, 1983-1989