



Maria Zschoche

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PRACTICES

- Business Litigation
- Healthcare Litigation
- Planned Giving
- Trust and Estate Litigation

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., cum laude, 2004
- Princeton University, B.A., School of Public and International Affairs, magna cum laude, 2000

ADMISSIONS

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

AFFILIATIONS

- The Missouri Bar, Board of Governors, 2017-Present, Executive Committee, 2018-2019, Finance Committee, 2022-present
- The Missouri Bar
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- American Bar Association

An experienced litigator, Maria defends clients in banking and fiduciary matters in Missouri state and federal courts, as well as courts around the country.

In her national banking litigation practice, Maria has first- and second-chaired multiple jury and bench trials. She helps banks navigate class action and complex litigation involving lender liability, consumer mortgages, and asset-backed securities. Maria has disposed of claims through motions to dismiss, summary judgment motions, and successful appeals to the 8th Circuit and the Missouri Supreme Court, and secured multi-million dollar awards for her clients. In the health care arena, Maria has represented healthcare clients in responding to government investigations and coordinating the defense of False Claims Act and Qui Tam lawsuits.

Maria has been a visible and respected member of the probate and trust bar in St. Louis City and St. Louis County. She represents banks, nonprofits, and charitable organizations, and individuals in probate and trust disputes. She counsels both trustees and beneficiaries alike in suits involving issues of fiduciary liability, will and trusts contests, discovery of assets proceedings, trust construction suits, trust modification and termination proceedings, and claims in an estate.

Recognitions

- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America (by BL Rankings) 2023-2024

Presentations

- "Problems and Issues Faced by Trustees from a Litigator's Perspective," Various Institutional Trustees 2022
- "Navigating the Trustee through Common Perils in Fiduciary Litigation," Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, February 2020
- "Recent Development in the Law: 2019 Fiduciary Litigation Seminar," Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, February 2019
- "Annual Law Update CLE: Probate Law," The Missouri Bar, June 2018
- "Lender Policies and Procedures for Subpoenas, Summons and Third-Party Demand Requests" Lorman Educational Services August 2017

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2012-Present Associate, 2004-2012 Summer Associate, 2002, 2003
- Christie's Auction House Legal & Appraisal Intern, 2000
- White House Department of Intergovernmental Affairs Intern, 1998
- "Annual Law Update CLE: Probate Law," The Missouri Bar, June 2017