



## Michael O'Keefe

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### EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University School of Law, LL.B., 1961
- Saint Louis University, A.B., 1961

### AFFILIATIONS

- American College of Trial Lawyers, State Committee, State Chairman, 1996-1998
- American Law Institute
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel
- National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel
- Maritime Law Association of the United States, Executive Committee
- The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Chair, Admiralty Law Section, 1988-1989, Chair, Litigation Section, 1988-1989

### EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP  
Partner, 1974-2023
- Saint Louis University School of Law  
Adjunct Professor Trial Practice, 1988-2023  
Lecturer on Admiralty Law, 1972-1974

Michael's practice included substantial experience in tort and commercial litigation in state and federal courts.

Over his distinguished 55-year career, he has represented clients in general commercial litigation, securities litigation, insurance coverage disputes, product liability litigation, FELA and maritime work.

Michael has lectured extensively throughout the country on discovery and trial tactics. He was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (by BL Rankings) from 1993 to 2021. He was named the *Best Lawyers*® 2012 St. Louis Admiralty & Maritime Law Lawyer of the Year (by BL Rankings).

Michael was selected by the U.S. District Judges of the Eastern District of Missouri as Chairperson for two selection panels for United States Magistrate Judges. He was also selected by the Circuit Judges of the City of St. Louis to represent them in acquiring the then-current federal courthouse from the U.S. Government when the Thomas F. Eagleton Federal Courthouse was completed in 2000.

### Recognitions

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, (by BL Rankings) 1993-2021
  - Listed for more than 20 years
- Listed in *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*, (by Thomson Reuters) 2005-2019
- Named *Lawyer of the Year for Admiralty & Maritime Law* in St. Louis by *Best Lawyers*, (by BL Rankings) 2012
- In 2015, Michael was elected as an inaugural member to the newly formed Saint Louis University School of Law Order of the Fleur de Lis Hall of Fame. Inductees are those who have "brought honor to both Saint Louis University and the School of Law by demonstrating the University mission and Jesuit spirit through professional successes and significant contributions to the community."

**COMMUNITY**

- Saint Louis University School of Law, Development Committee, Dean's Council
- Saint Louis University, Board of Trustees
- St. Patrick's Center, Board of Directors
- Knights of the Cauliflower Ear, Former Chairman
- Archbishop May Society, Director