



PAULA L. BROWN

Partner

Paula is a seasoned trial lawyer who focuses her practice in the areas of FELA litigation, personal injury, medical malpractice and employment.

After graduating from the University of Utah with a degree in broadcast journalism but prior to beginning law school at the University of Missouri – Kansas City, Paula worked as a news anchor and reporter for KODE-TV in Joplin, Missouri. Unbeknownst to her at the time, Paula’s on-air broadcasting experience would help develop and refine many of the invaluable skills that cause her to excel as a trial lawyer, including the ability to communicate clearly and react quickly on her feet. As one of her former clients stated, Paula has an “honorable presence in the courtroom and a tenacious attention to detail” while also being “quick and agile in dealing with the ebb and flow in the courtroom.”

Before joining the firm in 2018, Paula first-chaired or second-chaired several jury trials, many of which were significant and high-exposure medical negligence cases.

EDUCATION

JD, Order of the Coif, University of Missouri-Kansas City, 1996

BA, with honors, Mass Communications/Broadcast Journalism, University of Utah, 1987

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Annette Moore Award for highest grade in *Commercial Transactions*

John L. Sheldon Award for outstanding appellate advocacy

Top Grade in *Federal Jurisdiction*

Lawyers Association of Kansas City Public Service Award

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Never Give In: Missouri’s New Attempt at Medical Malpractice Caps
(CLE Presentation)

Noted Published in *UMKC Law Review*

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Business & Commercial
Litigation

Health Care Litigation

Transportation Litigation

Personal Injury

EXPERIENCE
SOLUTIONS
RESULTS

EXPERIENCE AND RESULTS

- Defended and obtained defense verdict in Buchanan County, Missouri, for surgeon from whom plaintiff sought significant damages, alleging her ureter was crushed during surgery on ovaries. Obtained unanimous defense verdict following jury trial.
- Obtained favorable result for insurance company in action brought by Attorney General of Pennsylvania seeking more than \$3 million in damages and penalties for alleged consumer protection violations.
- Served as lead counsel and successfully defended gynecologist who allegedly burned patient with heat-sterilized speculum during gynecological surgery.
- Obtained entry of directed verdict after close of plaintiff's evidence in jury trial of premises liability action against hospital.
- Obtained substantial confidential settlement for client who sustained injuries to testicle after physical therapy incident and wheelchair fall in transport van.
- Appellate briefing and oral argument before Missouri Court of Appeals and Missouri Supreme Court.
- Representation of licensee before Missouri State Board of Nursing.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- Missouri Bar Association
- Kansas Bar Association
- Lawyers Association of Kansas City (President-2006)
- Lawyers Association of Kansas City Foundation (President-2007)

ADMISSIONS

- United States District Courts for the District of Kansas and Western District of Missouri
- Supreme Courts of Kansas and Missouri