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Attorney Profile

Christopher Shank

Christopher Shank represents clients in many types of civil litigation matters in state and federal courts throughout the United States. He has significant experience in a wide range of litigation matters, including product liability defense, insurance coverage litigation, commercial litigation, class actions, and defending businesses against employment claims. Mr. Shank serves as national products liability counsel for several major manufacturers.

Mr. Shank is a founding Director and Shareholder of Shank & Hamilton, PC. He has attained an AV® rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the highest awarded. Through statewide voting of peers, Mr. Shank was selected as a Missouri and Kansas 2005 & 2006 Super Lawyer.

He is a Fellow of The Litigation Counsel of America, a trial law honorary society.

Mr. Shank served as judicial law clerk to the Honorable William R. Collinson (United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri) from 1980-1982. He received his B.A. from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1977 and his J.D. in 1980 from the University of Missouri-Columbia Law School.

Mr. Shank is a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel and is a frequent speaker of national product liability conferences.

Admitted to Practice

- Missouri State Courts (1980)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
- United States District Court for the District of Kansas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan

Professional Positions

- Director/Shareholder, Shank & Hamilton, PC Kansas City, Missouri October 1997 - Present
- Director/Shareholder, Rouse, Hendricks, German, May & Shank, P.C. Kansas City, Missouri, July 1992 - October 1997
- Partner, Stinson, Mag & Fizzell Kansas City, Missouri, November 1988 - June 1992
- Associate, Stinson, Mag & Fizzell Kansas City, Missouri, November 1982 - November 1988
- Law Clerk, Honorable William R. Collinson United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, October 1980 - October 1982

Educational History

University of Missouri School of Law
Columbia, Missouri

- Juris Doctor, May 1980

University of Missouri-Columbia
Columbia, Missouri

- Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude 1977

Professional Affiliations

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The Missouri Bar

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

Trucking Industry Defense Association

International Association of Defense Counsel

- Business Litigation Substantive Law Committee
- Product Liability Substantive Law Committee
- Reinsurance Substantive Law Committee