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ABOUT JOHN

John Kemppainen has 30 years of courtroom experience. He is AV rated by *Martindale-Hubbell* and has been selected as a Missouri Super Lawyer. He defends cases across the states of Missouri and Illinois and has been named one of the Top Lawyers in Missouri by the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*. John regularly handles cases in St. Louis and Madison, and St. Clair counties in Illinois. He has also argued before the state and federal appellate courts in the area.

John defends personal injury, products liability, wrongful death, and class action cases. His clients include insurance carriers, retailers, restaurants, airports, manufacturers, trucking companies, self-insured companies, corporations, school districts, government agencies, municipalities, and individuals in all civil matters. He also serves as National Coordinating Counsel (NCC) for a manufacturer in ongoing national toxic tort litigation.

John serves as President of the National Retail & Restaurant Defense Association (NRRDA) and as Advisor to the NRRDA DE&I Committee. He is a member of the Council on Litigation Management. He serves on the Transportation Law Committee of the Missouri Bar and the Ethics & Professionalism Committee for the Defense Research Institute. John has been named to America's Top 100 Civil Defense Litigators.

Practices

Insurance Defense & Coverage
Mass Tort & Class Action
Premises Liability
Product Liability
Trucking

Industries

Amusement, Entertainment,
Hospitality & Sports
Retail & Restaurant
Transportation

Education

- J.D., St. Louis University School of Law, 1993
- B.A., Tulane University, 1989

Awards & Recognitions



Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

Associations

- Missouri Bar Association
- Illinois Bar Association
- American Bar Association (ABA)
- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers (MODL)
- National Retail & Restaurant Defense Association (NRRDA)
- Council of Litigation Management (CLM)
- Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA)
- Hispanic Bar Association of St. Louis
- The Lawyers Association of St. Louis
- Sports & Entertainment Risk Management Alliance (SERMA)