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Scott Hunsaker defends clients as both national and local counsel in product liability, premises liability, commercial motor vehicle accidents, and general personal injury matters.

He focuses his practice on toxic and mass torts, including asbestos, benzene, silica, coal mine dust, and talc. Scott represents individuals, businesses, and large corporations in small and large exposure cases and dockets in state and federal courts across the country. He also represents a large corporate client in general personal injury matters arising from commercial motor vehicle accidents and premises liability.

Scott is experienced in all aspects of civil litigation from pre-suit investigation to jury trials, including the intermediate stages of motion practice, discovery, and depositions. Based on his years of experience, he is now responsible for developing, advising, and implementing the appropriate strategy for all phases of litigation. Scott's experience in general civil litigation includes personal injury, premises liability, construction law, automobile liability, and landlord-tenant liability. Scott also dedicates time to pro bono matters, representing indigent clients who cannot afford legal representation.

In law school, Scott was a law clerk intern for Federal Magistrate Judge David Noce of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. As a law clerk, he prepared substantive opinions and observed all phases of federal litigation from first appearance to sentencing, including jury trials. This valuable experience continues to guide him in his practice in federal court today.

Scott and his wife Jennifer are the proud parents of Jack Bennett and Molly Brooke. Scott enjoys golfing, downhill skiing, and traveling with his family.

Education

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., 2011); Saint Louis University Law Journal; Academic Excellence Award for Highest Grade in Constitutional Law I; Trial Advocacy I and II; Legal Research and Writing Assistant
- University of Dayton (B.A. in Criminal Justice, 2008); Judicial Hearing Board, Student Member

State Admissions

- Missouri, 2011
- Illinois, 2012

Federal Admissions

- United States District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- United States District Court, Western District of Missouri

Service Areas

- Mass Tort & Product Liability
- Business Litigation
- Insurance
- Life Sciences Litigation
- Health & Life Sciences

Industries Represented

- Bars
- Construction
- Hotels / Resorts
- Insurance
- Manufacturing
- Restaurants
- Transportation

Experience

- Served as second-chair trial counsel in a failure to protect and assault prisoner-related case in United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
- Served as third-chair trial counsel in the defense of a corporate motor vehicle accident with a multimillion-dollar settlement demand, leading to a unanimous jury verdict in favor of the corporate client and employee
- Assisted in the defense of a product manufacturer in state court with a large settlement demand, leading to a dismissal after filing appropriate dispositive motions
- As appointed trial counsel, reached an amicable resolution in a prisoner-related case in the Southern District of Illinois
- Assisted in the defense of a product manufacturer in state court, leading to a successful motion for summary judgment after a multimillion-dollar settlement demand
- Assisted in the defense of a small construction company in state court, leading to a dismissal after filing appropriate motions and defending the corporate representative at a discovery deposition

Publications & Events

PUBLICATIONS

- “[Asbestos Transparency Laws Can Stop Double Recovery](#),” *Law360* (July 2018)

Honors

- Missouri Super Lawyers Rising Stars® (2015, 2017, 2018, 2020)

In the Community

- The Missouri Bar
- The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Illinois State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
 - » Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Committee
 - » Social Media/Web Vice Chair (2021)
 - » Young Lawyer Liaison Co-Chair (2019-2020; 2020-2021)
 - » Young Lawyer Liaison Co-Vice Chair (2018-2019)
 - » Young Lawyers Committee
 - » Substantive Law Committee Liaison and Engagement Co-Chair (2019-2020; 2020-2021)
 - » Substantive Law Liaison Co-Vice Chair (2018-2019)