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PROFILE

Mr. Warta has spent over 45 years successfully trying civil lawsuits in Wichita and throughout the state of Kansas. As lead trial counsel, he has focused on defending high exposure personal injury, product liability, and professional liability jury trials. Mr. Warta enjoys Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory's highest "AV" rating for lawyers and has been selected for inclusion in the *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*® list, *The Best Lawyers in America*®, and *Chambers USA* as a leading general commercial litigation lawyer in the United States. In 2011 he was recognized by *Best Lawyers*® as the Wichita Product Liability "Litigator of the Year" and in 2012 he was named Wichita Bet-the-Company Litigation "Lawyer of the Year." Mr. Warta is a Fellow and member of the American College of Trial Lawyers. His peer memberships include the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel and the Kansas Association of Defense Counsel.

Education

- Washburn University (J.D., 1971)
magna cum laude; Editor-in-Chief - *Washburn Law Journal*; Member - National and International Moot Court Teams
- St. Ambrose College (B.A., 1968)
magna cum laude

Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas (1971)
- Kansas (1971)

PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation & Disputes
- Product Liability
- Professional Malpractice

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, AFFILIATIONS, AND HONORS

- American College of Trial Lawyers Fellow
- Recognized by Best Lawyers® as the 2011 Wichita Product Liability “Litigator of the Year” and the 2012 Wichita Bet-the-Company Litigation “Lawyer of the Year”
- Selected by peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the areas of Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, 1993-2022
- Selected for inclusion in *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*® List, 2006-2021 (a Thomson Reuters business)
- Identified by Chambers USA as a leading lawyer in the United States for Litigation: General Commercial, 2004-2020, and a Senior Statesperson in Litigation: General Commercial, 2021-2023
- Kansas Bar Association
- Wichita Bar Association
- President's Award, Wichita Bar Association, 1996
- Kansas Association of Defense Counsel
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel