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PROFILE

Before Mike Stout's retirement in 2023, he handled complex business and commercial cases, focusing on high-exposure litigation with an emphasis on trial practice. He is known as one of the most notable trial lawyers in Kansas and tried many of the region's high-profile employment, environmental, and commercial cases. His practice included consultation on litigation problem-solving and alternative dispute resolution.

When in practice, Mike was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, the *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*® list, and *Chambers USA* as a leading general commercial litigation lawyer in the United States. *Benchmark Litigation* has named Mike a "Local Litigation Star." In 2014, he was recognized by *Best Lawyers*® as the Wichita Litigation – Environmental "Lawyer of the Year" and in 2012, the Wichita Construction "Lawyer of the Year." He has also been listed as a Top 100 *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyer*®. Mike is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and has served as past president and a member of the Board of Regents. His peer memberships included the Kansas Association of Defense Counsel and he served as the organization's 1983-84 president.

Education

- University of Kansas (J.D., 1961)
With Distinction; Order of the Coif; Editor - *Kansas Law Review*
- Kansas State University (B.S., 1958)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Symphony in the Flint Hills - past Board of Directors
- Livestock & Meat Industry Council - Board of Directors, 1999-2006
- Wichita River Festival – Admiral Windwagon Smith XXVIII, 2001
- Wichita Wagonmasters – Captain, 1982-1983
- Wichita Festivals, Inc. – President, 1978-1979

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, AFFILIATIONS, AND HONORS

- American College of Trial Lawyers Fellow; Board of Regents, 2000-2007; President 2007-2008
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Wichita Bar Association, 2011
- Chester I. Lewis Diversity Award, Wichita Bar Association, 2019
- President's Award, Wichita Bar Association, 2006
- Howard C. Kline Distinguished Service Award, Wichita Bar Association, 2001
- Recognized by Best Lawyers® as the 2012 Wichita Construction "Lawyer of the Year" and the 2014 Wichita Litigation – Environmental "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, Litigation – Construction, Litigation – Environmental, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Labor & Employment, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, 1987-2022
- Top 100 *Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers*®, 2007 (a Thomson Reuters business)
- Selected for inclusion in *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*® List, 2005-2021 (a Thomson Reuters business)
- Identified by Chambers USA as a Senior Statesperson in Litigation: General Commercial, 2017-2023
- Identified by Chambers USA as a leading lawyer in the United States for General Commercial Litigation, 2003-2017
- Named a "Litigation Star" in the area of Dispute Resolution by Benchmark Litigation, 2011-2016 & 2018-2022
- Kansas Bar Association, lifetime member
- Kansas Bar Association Professionalism Award, 1997
- Wichita Bar Association President, 1987-1988 and lifetime member
- Kansas Bar Foundation Fellow, Robert K. Weary Award, 2006; past President, 1991-1993
- Kansas Association of Defense Counsel William Kahrs Lifetime Achievement Award, 2005; President, 1983-1984
- Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group 1991-1995
- Commission on Judicial Qualifications Chairman, 1994-1995
- Kansas Supreme Court Nominating Commission; past chair and member