

# SHANNON D. WEAD PARTNER

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# PROFILE

Mr. Wead "cut his legal teeth" in the area of insurance defense, which gained him significant trial and courtroom experience. He now focuses his practice on representing clients in a wide variety of general complex commercial litigation and creditors' rights matters. He routinely works with business and banking clients on litigation matters that involve contract disputes, foreclosure, landlord-tenant disputes, mechanic's liens, real property, and torts. In the creditors' rights area, Mr. Wead represents creditors on a wide array of matters, including, but not limited to, alleged fraudulent conveyance and fraudulent transfer claims, alleged preference claims, and executory contract issues. Mr. Wead enjoys Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory's highest "AV" rating for lawyers reflecting exemplary professional expertise, experience and stature. He was recognized by *Best Lawyers*<sup>®</sup> as the 2020 Wichita Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor/Insolvency and Reorganization Law "Lawyer of the Year" and the 2022 and 2026 Wichita Litigation - Bankruptcy "Lawyer of the Year."

## Education

- Washburn University (J.D., 1997) cum laude; Notes Editor - *Washburn Law Journal*
- Drury College (B.S., 1992)

## Admissions

- Kansas (1997)
- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas (1997)
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

# PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation & Disputes
- Creditors' Rights/Bankruptcy
- Insurance Defense Litigation
- Noncompete & Trade Secret Litigation
- Governmental Liability
- Real Estate
- Energy
- Renewable Energy, Electric Storage & Transmission
- Banking & Financial Services

### **INDUSTRIES**

- Agribusiness
- Banking & Financial Services
- Construction
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Manufacturing
- Real Estate

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

• Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas - Former Chairman of the Board

### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- · Successful litigation of several jury trials as a first chair lawyer
- Routinely represents lenders and other creditors in various bankruptcy matters, including, but not limited to, claim preparation and filing, preference litigation, and fraudulent transfer litigation
- · Represents lenders and other creditors in foreclosure litigation
- · Represents parties in commercial eviction and lease workouts
- Represents parties involved in various real estate litigation, including, but not limited to, partition cases, quiet title cases, and eminent domain cases
- Preparing, filing, and prosecuting various liens, including, but not limited to, mechanic's liens, oil and gas mechanic's liens, and artisan's liens
- Represents parties in commercial litigation, including, but not limited to, litigation involving Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code
- Represents parties in commercial collections
- Represents insurance companies and defendants in personal injury litigation

• Represents parties in insurance coverage analysis and litigation

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, AFFILIATIONS, AND HONORS

- Identified by Chambers USA as a leading lawyer in the United States in the area of Litigation: General Commercial, 2025
- Named a "Litigation Star" in the area of Dispute Resolution by Benchmark Litigation, 2024-2025
- Recognized by Best Lawyers® as the 2020 Wichita Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law "Lawyer of the Year" and the 2022 and 2026 Wichita Litigation Bankruptcy "Lawyer of the Year"
- Selected by peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the areas of Personal Injury Litigation Defendants, 2013-2026; Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2018-2026; Litigation Bankruptcy, 2020-2026; and Commercial Litigation and Litigation Banking and Finance, 2025-2026
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- American Bar Association
- Kansas Bar Association
- Kansas Association of Defense Counsel, Former Board Member
- Wichita Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute

## **RECENT PUBLICATIONS**

#### 2018

 I Have to Drive How Far to Appear for this Hearing? Changing Venue When a Plaintiff's Petition Relies on K.S.A 60-603(3)
-Kansas Defense Journal, 2018 No. 2

#### 2002

• Parsing the new Kansas garnishment law: Lettuce keep you out of a pickle -Kansas Employment Law Letter, Vol. 9, No. 7

#### 1996

• Comment, Statutory Interpretation: Boy Scouts in the Bible Belt. -35 Washburn L.J. 359

# **ISSUE ALERTS**

#### 2020

• Coronavirus: What Kansas Multi-Family and Other Residential Landlords Should Know About the Unprecedented Federal Residential Eviction Moratorium Order

### 2005

• Bankruptcy Reform: Certain Provisions Effective as of April 20, 2005