



JUSTIN L. ASSOUD

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Products Liability
- Professional Liability
- Sexual Abuse Claims & Clergy Misconduct
- School Law

EDUCATION

- University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1999
- University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A. in Philosophy, 1996

ADMISSIONS

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U. S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit
- U.S. District Courts for the
 - Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri
 - Southern District of Illinois

PRACTICE DESCRIPTION

Justin L. Assouad focuses his practice on trials involving complex business litigation matters, including:

- Professional liability
- Educational and religious organizations (tort claims)
- Clergy misconduct
- School law
- Motor vehicle accidents
- Premises liability
- Product liability
- Commercial litigation

He has represented clients in Missouri and Illinois, including numerous retailers, product manufacturers and premises owners. He has successfully defended attorneys and law firms in malpractice actions and related proceedings. In addition, he has successfully defended tort claims brought against educational and religious organizations as well as other youth-serving organizations.

BAR/PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Illinois Bar Association
- Missouri Bar
- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers

AWARDS, HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

- AV Preeminent® Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell
- Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyer (2016-2017)

PUBLISHED LEGAL WRITING

- "Putting Your Legal Malpractice Carrier on Notice of a Potential Claim: Must a Missouri Lawyer 'Foresee' Changes in the Law," *HeplerBroom Blog* (November 19, 2019)

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PUBLISHED LEGAL WRITING (Continued)

- "What's in a Name? Missouri's Constitutional Prohibition Against Negligence-Based Claims Arising out of Alleged Sexual Misconduct of Clergy: Who Exactly Qualifies as Clergy?" *HeplerBroom Blog* (February 13, 2018).
- *The Voice* (DRI Legislative Subcommittee for Missouri) (2010)
- "The Demise of Contributory Negligence in Professional Liability Cases," *DRI Quarterly Newsletter* (June 2011) (Co-author)