

*Rick Paul and Ashlea Schwarz founded Paul LLP after years of litigating high stakes commercial cases together. We have fought against some of the biggest companies in the country, including Syngenta, Dow Chemical, Monsanto, JPMorgan Chase, Phillips 66, and General Motors. And we have won big. We founded the firm on two overriding principles: (1) a strong passion for litigating cases on behalf of our clients; and (2) a desire to make meaningful, industry-wide changes that create reshaped markets and improved lives.*

*We have recovered nearly three billion dollars for our clients through trial, arbitration, and settlement. We have handled some of the largest cases in the country against the largest, most well-funded and well-represented companies. And, we do not just litigate—we prepare cases for trial and take cases to trial.*



## *Agriculture*

The agricultural industry is rapidly consolidating and launching new biotechnology products every year. Located in the Midwest, we have a deep knowledge of how law and agriculture intersect, including the areas of negligence, chemical-drift, trespass, antitrust, food safety, trade, marketing, and resource management. The agricultural and biotechnology industries are highly regulated with a complex web of state and federal regulations, many of which give rise to preemption issues. Our lawyers have handled a wide variety of cases in this area of the law and are well-versed in the statutory and regulatory issues that arise in litigation related to agriculture in individual, mass, and class actions.

## *Antitrust*

Antitrust laws were enacted to ensure that businesses operate fairly and to safeguard the integrity of a free market. Our lawyers have both prosecuted and defended antitrust actions in the agriculture, technology, and health care industries. We handle both antitrust class actions as well as individual cases. We make sure that companies who engage in unfair business practices are kept in check, allowing other businesses the opportunity to compete in a fair marketplace.

## *Class Actions*

We know how difficult it is for a single person to bring a case against a large corporation or entity. The enormity of this task prevents many people from pursuing legitimate claims, which allows companies to continue with unsafe, unlawful, or unfair practices. These are often pervasive, industry-wide violations. Our attorneys have the skill set necessary to bring about meaningful change through class litigation.

## *Commercial Litigation*

Partnerships within or between businesses often lead to disputes. When partnerships are exploited, or contracts are not followed through on, we help pick up the pieces.

## *Commodities*

Being a Midwest law firm, we know commodities litigation. From grains, farm animals, oil and gas, precious metals, we have handled a broad spectrum of commodities-related litigation. We are familiar with the commodities exchanges, the statutory and regulatory environment, and the jargon of these industries.

## *Products Liability*

We have a breadth of experience in ensuring manufacturers take responsibility for products that cause harm or injury to consumers. Injury and financial harm can result from products with faulty design or improper manufacturing, as well as a company's failure to warn consumers of possible injury or unwanted side effects from use of that product.



# *The Results We Have Achieved*



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# The Results We Have Achieved



## **In re Syngenta MIR162 Corn Litigation (U.S. District Court, District of Kansas) and In re Syngenta Litigation (Minnesota Fourth Judicial District)**

*Paul LLP was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in both federal and state MDLs. The firm served as trial counsel for individual bellwethers and the Minnesota class, leading to a \$1.51 billion settlement.*



## **In re Dicamba Herbicides Litigation (U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri)**

*Paul LLP was appointed to Plaintiffs' Executive Committee and Settlement Committee leading to \$400 million settlement.*



## **Robinson, et al., v. Jackson Hewitt, Inc., and Tax Services of America, Inc. (U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey)**

*Paul LLP was appointed to Plaintiffs' Executive Committee and Settlement Committee leading to a \$10.5 million settlement.*



## **Confidential Settlement (California state court)**

*Paul LLP served as lead trial counsel on behalf of approximately 1,100 migrant farmworkers who were exposed to pesticides causing brain damage in children; leading to a \$300 million settlement.*



# The Results We Have Achieved



## **Fuentes v. Jiffy Lube International, Inc.** (U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania)

*Paul LLP was appointed Class Counsel in an action on behalf of hourly franchise employees in the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington region over Jiffy Lube's "No Poach Provision," leading to a \$2 million settlement.*



## **Jones and Lorenzen v. Varsity Brands, LLC, et al.,** (U.S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee)

*The firm was appointed Interim Class Counsel, Executive Committee Counsel, and Co-Lead Settlement Counsel and served as trial counsel in an antitrust action involving a monopoly that was conspiring to raise, fix, and stabilize the prices charged for cheerleading competitions, camps, and apparel (i.e., price-fixing). These efforts led to an \$82.5 million settlement on behalf of cheerleaders and their parents.*



## **Wells Fargo Loan Modification Litigations** (U.S. District Court, Northern District of California; U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio)

*The firm was appointed Class Counsel across multiple litigations regarding improper foreclosure of thousands of people's homes, resulting in cumulative settlements of \$53.5 million.*

# The Results We Have Achieved



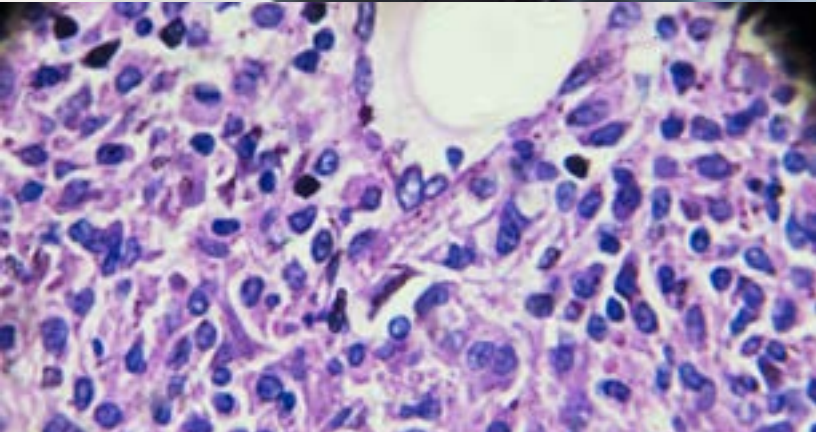
## **Simmons Bank (U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri)**

*Paul LLP served as Class Counsel on behalf of customers who were overcharged overdraft fees, resulting in a \$4 million settlement.*



## **Holt v. Community America Bank (U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri)**

*Paul LLP was appointed Class Counsel on behalf of customers who were overcharged overdraft fees resulting in a \$2.325 million settlement.*



## **Roundup Litigation (nationwide)**

*Paul LLP represented consumers exposed to Roundup who developed non-Hodgkins Lymphoma resulting in a \$7.25 million settlement.*



## **In re P&G Aerosol Products Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation (U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio)**

*Served as Settlement Class Counsel in action over benzene exposure in aerosol products such as deodorant. The firm negotiated an \$8 million settlement.*



# The Results We Have Achieved



## **In re Eclipse Aviation Depositor Litigation (Bernalillo County, New Mexico)**

*Negotiated a settlement of approximately \$49 million on behalf of purchasers of jet aircraft.*



## **Malloy v. Pratt & Whitney (U.S. District Court, Northern District of Oklahoma)**

*Negotiated a \$2.1 million settlement for a product liability claim for defective aircraft engines.*



## **In re Air Crash of N51RX (Santa Fe County, New Mexico)**

*The firm negotiated a complex 8-figure settlement in a 5-death air ambulance crash with multiple defendants and insurance companies.*



## **In re General Motors Dex-Cool Cases (Alameda County Superior Court, California; Jackson County Circuit Court, Missouri; Southern District of Illinois, MDL 1562)**

*Was appointed Co-Lead Counsel in federal MDL and Co-Lead Class Counsel in two state courts, obtaining one of the largest automotive defect settlements of all time.*



# The Results We Have Achieved



**In re Great Plains Air Lines  
(U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District  
of Oklahoma)**

*Negotiated a confidential settlement with officers  
and directors of defunct regional airline carrier.*



**In re Mountain Energy Corp.  
(U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District  
of Missouri)**

*Negotiated a 14-party settlement with more than  
\$60 million recovery.*



**In re Oak Hills Drilling & Operating Co.  
(U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District  
of Oklahoma)**

*Obtained judgment after trial for over \$1.5 million  
on behalf of a bankrupt estate.*



**Malloy v. Commerce Bank (District Court of  
Tulsa County, Oklahoma)**

*Negotiated settlement for claims alleging aiding  
and abetting breach of fiduciary duty, fraudulent  
transfers, and civil conspiracy on behalf of a  
bankruptcy estate.*

# *The Team at Paul LLP*

## THE LAWYERS AND REPUTATION WE ENJOY

*A substantial portion of our practice involves the prosecution of class, collective, and mass actions. We often lead multi-faceted, nationwide teams of co-counsel in complex commercial litigations. Our colleagues in the legal community trust our experience, work ethic, and breadth of knowledge to usher a case from conception to a winning decision, especially if that means going to trial.*



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## Rick Paul

PARTNER

### Court Admissions

Missouri, 1995

Kansas, 1997

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

U.S. District Court, District of Kansas

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

### Education

**University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law,  
Columbia, Missouri, 1995**

J.D., Assistant Managing Editor, Missouri Law Review

**University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, 1992**

B.A., Economics and Political Science, Honors College

Honors: MU Varsity Tennis Team, Letter winner;

Academic All Big-8

Rick specializes in complex antitrust, business, product liability, and consumer litigation—typically involving class or mass actions. Rick graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, where he served as Associate Managing Editor of the Missouri Law Review. After law school, Rick was a judicial law clerk at the Missouri Supreme Court and the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District. In 1996, he began private practice with the firm formerly known as Shughart Thomson & Kilroy, a large Kansas City law firm with offices in Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, and Arizona. In 2002, the Board of Directors of Shughart Thomson elected him a Shareholder and Director. In 2008, Rick moved his practice to Stueve Siegel Hanson LLP. In May 2013, Rick started Paul LLP.

Rick has recovered nearly \$3 billion for his clients through trial or settlement. Rick has been appointed by numerous courts across the country to serve as lead counsel in class and mass actions and in MDL proceedings.

Rick enjoys being in the courtroom and has tried and won many types of cases in jury trials, bench trials, and arbitrations. He has repeatedly been brought into a case shortly before trial for just that purpose. Rick served as trial counsel in the In re Syngenta Litigation pending in the Minnesota Fourth Judicial District. Rick was co-lead trial counsel for the first individual bellwether trial as well as the Minnesota class action trial. During the third week of the Minnesota class trial, the litigation was settled on behalf of all farmers (individual and classes) across the country. Rick has also argued more than 40 appeals to various state and federal appellate courts and briefed over 100 appeals.

Rick is active in the local bar, including the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. He has served as Vice-Chair on the Business Torts Committee, where he authored the Chapter on Fiduciary Duties for the Business Torts Handbook. Rick is a frequent speaker and moderator at seminars and presentations on trial-related issues. In 2006, Missouri Lawyers Weekly named Rick as one of eight "Up and Coming Lawyers." He is annually named a "Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyer" and has an AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating with Martindale-Hubbell.



## Ashlea Schwarz

MANAGING PARTNER

### Court Admissions

Missouri, 2007  
Kansas, 2008  
U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit  
U.S. District Court, District of Colorado  
U.S. District Court, District of Kansas  
U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri

### Education

**University of Kansas School of Law,  
Lawrence, Kansas, 2007**  
J.D., Clerk for Judge Julie Robinson, U.S. District, District  
of Kansas, 2005-2006

**Honors:** P. Mize Award for Trial Advocacy, Robert F.  
Bennett Award for Public Service

**Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2004**  
B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communications  
and minors in English and German

**Honors:** Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key,  
Journalism and Mass Communication Ambassador, K-  
State Student Foundation Board Member,  
University Ambassador

Ashlea, Managing Partner of Paul LLP, litigates complex business disputes including claims for negligence, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, and misrepresentation. Her passion lies in representing individuals exposed to toxic chemicals at work, at home, and often during pregnancy. Ashlea has recovered over \$300 million for agricultural workers exposed to pesticides while working in the fields to put food on our tables. She also represents clients in a range of litigation matters including complex, consumer class actions.

Ashlea has represented thousands of clients from the inception of a case through a verdict and litigated nearly 100 mass and class actions. Ashlea has taken 6 cases to trial, including three collective/class actions where she recovered over \$5 million collectively for her clients. In addition to being a part of the Syngenta trial team that secured a \$1.51 billion settlement three weeks into trial, Ashlea has taken 6 additional cases to trial, winning over \$6 million on behalf of her clients. Her practice is nationwide and traditionally includes multi-party and multi-district litigation.

Ashlea remains involved in the legal community through her work as a former board member for the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and Current Past President of the Kansas City Bar Association's Federal Court Advocates Section, and subcommittee chair for American Women Lawyers. In 2014, she was named one of Missouri Lawyers' Weekly's "Up and Coming Lawyers," an award recognizing litigators under age 40 who demonstrate excellence in the legal profession and in their commitment to their communities. Ashlea continues to be selected yearly as a Kansas City Business Journal Rising Star and is a Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyer. Additionally, in 2022 she was selected to the Missouri Lawyers' Weekly's POWER List of Commercial & Consumer Litigation Attorneys and received their Women's Justice Litigation Practitioner Award.







## Laura Fellows

PARTNER

### Court Admissions

Missouri, 2013  
Kansas, 2014  
Arkansas, 2015  
U.S. Supreme Court  
U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit  
U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri  
U.S. District Court, District of Kansas  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas  
U.S. District Court, Western District of Arkansas

### Education

**University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, 2013**  
J.D.

**Missouri State University, 2010**  
B.A. in Communications and minor in German, Cum Laude  
in the Honors College

**Honors:** Board of Governors Scholar; Commerce Bank  
Emerging Leader

Laura Fellows focuses her practice on antitrust litigation, class actions, complex business litigation, and mass actions. She represents plaintiffs in federal and state courts throughout the country. During the past decade, Ms. Fellows has prosecuted cases resulting in more than \$375 million in recovery for matters involving agriculture, pesticides, banking, and healthcare, among others. Most recently, Laura served as first chair in a trial for an individual business owner that resulted in a jury verdict in her client's favor. She has been named a Super Lawyers' Missouri/Kansas Rising Star yearly since 2015.

During law school, Laura was on the national team for the American Bar Association's Negotiation Competition, reaching the semi-final round of the national competition. Laura also served as president of the Association for Women Law Students. Before law school, Laura attended Missouri State University as a Board of Governor's Scholar and member of the honors college.

### Expertise

Antitrust  
Business Litigation  
Class Actions  
Toxic Tort Litigation

### Awards

Super Lawyers Missouri and Kansas (2015-2024)





## **David Bodenheimer**

### **ASSOCIATE**

David focuses his practice on complex class and mass action litigations, including antitrust litigation, pharmaceutical drug and medical device litigation, products liability, and personal injury.

David joined Paul LLP Trial Attorneys in 2022 after graduating Valedictorian from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. While attending law school, David worked as a Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant, and served as an executive or participating member of multiple organizations.

Since joining Paul LLP Trial Attorneys, David has helped obtain favorable client results on a range of complex litigations across the country, including obtaining successful jury verdicts and decisions at the trial and appellate court levels. He has appeared before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, and has helped prepare an appellate brief and amicus curiae brief to the United States Supreme Court.

Currently, David acts for Paul LLP Trial Attorneys on behalf of cattle ranchers in *In re Cattle & Beef Antitrust Litigation*, No. 0:22-md-03031 (D. Minn.), where Paul LLP Trial Attorneys serves as co-lead counsel. He also acts on behalf of Visa cardholders in *In re Visa Antitrust Litigation*, No. 1:24-cv-07435 (S.D.N.Y.), where Paul LLP Trial Attorneys is also co-lead counsel. David is also currently advocating for the protection of property owners' constitutional rights in a series of litigations filed across the country.

Born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri, David is a fan of all things Kansas City, especially the Kansas City Chiefs. Dedicated to serving the community, David regularly accepts UMKC's invitation to judge oral arguments and help law students improve their oral advocacy skills, and he participates in Military Matters, a program that provides legal aid to veterans in need. David is also an Eagle Scout and an active member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. When David is not working, he enjoys spending time with his wife and two children.

### **Court Admissions**

Missouri  
Western District of Missouri  
District of Colorado  
Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals  
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

### **Education**

**University of Missouri-Kansas  
City School of Law, 2022**  
J.D., Valedictorian, *Summa Cum  
Laude*

**Missouri State University, 2019**  
B.S., *Cum Laude*





## **Megan Duffield**

### **ASSOCIATE**

Megan joined Paul LLP with a desire to represent a wide variety of individuals across the nation and to make positive and impactful change within industries and within people's daily lives.

Megan graduated summa cum laude from Tulane University School of Law with Pro Bono Honors. While at Tulane, she was senior editor of the Tulane Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property and completed directed research under Professor Brian L. Frye with a focus on the Theory of Property and Corporate Governance within the Music Streaming Industry. She was active in several organizations including the Tulane Business Law Society, the Tulane First-Generation Law Students Panel, and the Tulane Women in Law organization.

### **Bar Admissions**

Missouri - 2024

### **Awards**

**CALI® Excellence for the Future Awards in Representing Physicians (Medical Malpractice) and International Anti-Corruption Law**

### **Education**

**Tulane University School of Law, 2024**

J.D.

**University of Missouri, 2021**

*Summa Cum Laude, Honors College, Curator Scholars Award recipient, Alumni Association Scholars Award recipient*

### **Community**

**Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association**

Member

**Society of Women Trial Lawyers**

Member

**Volunteer at Ronald McDonald House Charities**



## Mary Jane Fait

### ATTORNEY

Mary Jane Fait is an attorney with Paul LLP Trial Attorneys. Ms. Fait has decades of experience specializing in plaintiffs' complex antitrust, securities fraud and consumer fraud class actions involving a wide range of industries, appearing before federal district and appellate courts throughout the United States. She has served in leadership positions and has generated millions of dollars in damages for aggrieved class members. Before coming to Paul LLP Trial Attorneys, she served as a partner in two national class action law firms.

### Experience

#### Representative Matters Handled as Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel or Co-Counsel

- In re Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) Antitrust Litigation, No. M 02-1486 (N.D. Cal.) \$325M settlement
- McDonough v. Babies R Us, No. 06-cv-242 (E.D. Pa.) \$32.5 M settlement
- Dairy Farmers of America Inc. Cheese Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 2031 (N.D. Ill.) \$46 M settlement
- In re Vytarin/Zetia Marketing, Sales Practices Product Liability Litigation, 08-cv-285 (D. N.J.)
- The Shane Group, Inc., et al v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, 2:10-cv-14360 (E.D. Mich.) \$29.9 M settlement
- In re Text Messaging Antitrust Litigation, MDL 1997 (N.D. Ill.)
- Messner v NorthShore Hospital (In re Evanston Northwestern Healthcare Corp., No. 07-4446 (N.D. Ill.) \$55 M settlement
- In re Packaged Ice Antitrust Litigation, MDL 1952 (E.D. Mich.)
- In re Sulfuric Acid Antitrust Litigation, No. 03-C-4576 (N.D. Ill.)
- In re Rail Freight Fuel Surcharge Antitrust Litigation, M.D.L. 1536 (D.D.C.)
- In re Air Cargo Shipping Antitrust Litigation, No. 06-MD-1775 (E.D.N.Y.)
- In re Cathode Ray Tube Antitrust Litigation, No. 07-C-5944 (N.D. Cal.) Over \$200 M in settlements
- In Re Relafen Antitrust Litigation, No. 01-12239 (D. Mass.), 07-C-5944 (N.D. IL) \$175 M settlement
- In Re Microstrategy Securities Litigation (E.D. Va.) \$160M settlement
- In re Brand Name Prescription Drug Antitrust Litigation, MDL 940 (N.D. Ill.) \$715 M settlement
- In Re Infant Formula Antitrust Litigation, MDL 878, (N.D. Fla.) \$126M settlement
- In Re Flat Glass Antitrust Litigation, MDL 1200 (W.D. Pa.) \$61.7M settlement

### Bar Admissions

New York  
Illinois  
U.S. Supreme Court  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

### Education

**Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NYJ.D.**  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL  
**B.A., Economics**

### Community

**Federal Trial Bar**  
Member, Antitrust Section





## *Hayley Hawn*

### ASSOCIATE

Haley focuses her practice on consumer protection, mass tort, class action, and complex antitrust litigation. She represents clients in state and federal courts across the country as well as in arbitration. Most recently, Haley has concentrated her practice on the Kia and Hyundai vehicle theft litigation. Haley has second-chaired multiple arbitrations, gaining hands-on experience in motion practice, oral advocacy, and litigation strategy. Haley is deeply committed to her clients and approaches each case with the passion and persistence needed to achieve meaningful results.

Before joining Paul LLP, Haley served as a judicial law clerk for Chief Judge Sarah E. Warner on the Kansas Court of Appeals. In that role, she refined her legal research, writing, and reasoning skills. Haley's time as a judicial law clerk continues to inform her ability to deliver clear and persuasive advocacy on behalf of her clients.

Haley earned her J.D. from the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law in 2022 with an emphasis in Advocacy. She was recognized for both scholarship and service, earning Best Brief and Top Overall Advocate in the Ellison Moot Court Competition, serving as a Legal Writing Teaching Assistant, being inducted into the Order of Barristers, and completing more than 250 hours of pro bono service.

Outside of practicing law, Haley is an active member of her community. She is a dedicated volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters—Kansas City, supporting the organization's mission to empower local youth through one-to-one mentoring. Haley is also a member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, the Society for Women Trial Lawyers, the Kansas Bar Association, the Kansas Women Attorneys Association, and the Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City.

### *Bar Admissions*

Kansas, 2022  
U.S. District Court, District of  
Kansas, 2022  
Missouri, 2025

### *Education*

**William Jewell College, 2019**  
Political Science &  
Communication

**University of Missouri – Kansas  
City School of Law, 2022**

J.D., 2022  
Honors: *The Order of Barristers*,  
*Phi Delta Phi*

### *Bar Associations*

**Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City**  
**Kansas Bar Association**  
**Kansas Bar Foundation, Pledging Fellow**

### *Awards*

**Ellison Moot Court Competition Award for Best Brief and Top-Overall Advocate**  
**Latshaw Criminal Law Award for Excellence in Criminal Law**

### *Community*

**Big Brothers Big Sisters Kansas City, Big Sister**



## *Sydney Michels*

### ASSOCIATE

Sydney focuses her practice on complex antitrust litigation, class actions, toxic torts, and mass actions. She joined Paul LLP in 2023 after beginning her practice as a family law attorney advocating for survivors of domestic violence on a Victims of Crime Act Grant for Kansas Legal Services ("KLS"). During her time at KLS, she assisted clients in obtaining protection orders, divorces, and appropriate child custody arrangements. Sydney's passion for advocating for vulnerable and wronged individuals persists in her work at Paul LLP.

Sydney is both a first-generation college graduate and first-generation law graduate, completing her legal education at Gonzaga University School of Law in 2021. During law school, she was an Admissions Ambassador, mentoring both potential and incoming law students through the admissions and new student process. She also interned for the Spokane County Public Defender's Office, the Law Offices of Mark Vovos with a focus on criminal defense, and Kansas Legal Services. Sydney's work with the Public Defender's Office and KLS earned her a Pro Bono Distinction Award.

Outside of Sydney's legal and pro bono work, she enjoys reading, traveling, crafting, camping, and spending quality time with her husband and daughter.

### *Court Admissions*

Washington, 2021

Kansas, 2021

Missouri, 2024

Western District of Missouri, 2024

### *Education*

**Gonzaga University School of Law, 2021**

**J.D.**

**Washington State University, 2017**

B.S. Political Science, Cum Laude, National Society of Collegiate Scholars

### *Community*

**Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association**

Member

**Society of Women Trial Lawyers**

Member



## Benjamin Wietharn

### ASSOCIATE

Ben focuses his practice on complex antitrust litigation, class actions, and mass torts. Ben began his career at a litigation defense firm, where he developed a strong foundation in high-stakes commercial litigation. His first exposure to plaintiffs' work came during a complex construction lawsuit, in which he played a key role in securing a favorable \$750,000 settlement for the client. In March 2025, Ben joined Paul LLP Trial Attorneys, drawn by the firm's mission to effect meaningful change for communities and industries nationwide. During his time at Paul LLP, Ben has worked on several high-profile matters, including pursuing claims against large corporations for negligent safety and crowd management during a large-scale event involving thousands of attendees, many of whom suffered serious physical and psychological injuries.

Ben is active in the legal community through his work as a board member for the Lawyers Association of Kansas City – Young Lawyers Section, an organization focused on public service projects and networking opportunities for young lawyers. In his free time, Ben enjoys traveling, playing softball and pickleball, and spending time with his friends, family, and dog.

During law school, Ben was an accomplished advocate on the Mock Trial Team and was honored with the Order of the Barristers award for excellence in courtroom advocacy at national competitions. He also served as a Submission & Symposia Editor for the UMKC Law Review, where he contributed to the development of scholarly legal discourse and chose comments and articles for publication.

### Court Admissions

Missouri - 2023

Kansas - 2025

U.S. District Court, Eastern  
District of Missouri

U.S. District Court, Western  
District of Missouri

U.S. District Court, District of  
Kansas

### Education

**University of Missouri-Kansas**

**City School of Law, 2023**

J.D., Magna Cum Laude, The  
Order of the Barrister Award

**Kansas State University,  
Manhattan, Kansas, 2019**

B.A. in Organizational  
Management/Business  
Administration and minors in  
Leadership and Political Science

### Community

**Lawyers' Association of Kansas**

**City – Young Lawyers' Section**

Board Member

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*Paul LLP is committed to making revolutionary changes to the way businesses conduct themselves. While money is the driver of many cases, what can and should be just as important is making sure the same bad acts don't happen again in the future. That is what we strive for; victories that bring about industry-wide changes. Our goal is to enact meaningful, fair, and lasting change to corporate policy, regulations, and law for the benefit of all people.*

*We thank you for your consideration.*