

Todd Graves Recognized as *NLJ* “Trailblazer” and *Missouri Lawyers* “Influential Lawyer”



Todd Graves was recently named not only an “Influential Lawyer” by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, which recognizes outstanding attorneys across the state in a variety of categories, but also named by *The National Law Journal* as one of its 2015 White Collar Crime Trailblazers — a feature highlighting exceptional litigation professionals in the area of white collar crime.

With many high-stakes investigations and litigation coming to a close in 2015, Graves’ work has indeed been the focus of a multitude of the nation’s top media outlets, including *The Wall Street Journal*. In an article titled “Free Speech Liberation Day,” the publication praised the firm for its work in a long-running investigation in which the Wisconsin Club for Growth and its director, Eric O’Keefe, were improperly forced to defend themselves against a wide-ranging, politically motivated investigation used to harass and intimidate conservative groups and political figures. The investigation, referred to as a “John Doe” investigation, was led by the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board (“GAB”) and focused on parties known to have supported Gov. Scott Walker’s political agenda.

This past year, Graves also led the charge in filing a lawsuit against the IRS – one of the first of its kind – for the agency’s improper targeting of conservative political groups. The suit again claimed national headlines when the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio certified the class action, which will represent more than 200 similarly targeted groups. ■

Nathan Garrett Named *NLJ* “Trailblazer”



Nathan Garrett has been recognized as a 2015 Cybersecurity & Data Privacy Trailblazer by *The National Law Journal* for his contribution to “the fight against criminal cyber activity.”

As reported by *The National Law Journal*, Garrett, a former federal prosecutor and FBI Special Agent, also served as Chief of the National Security and Terrorism Section in the United States Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Missouri. Having worked on a wide range of federal crimes, including cyber fraud, Garrett has been featured as a speaker and writer on a variety of cyber security and data breach topics, including the legal requirements, expectations and consequences imposed on data holders and how best to prepare for and respond to cyber breaches. ■

Kansas City Terminal Railway Investigation Comes to a Close



Partners Todd Graves and Kathleen Fisher recently closed their internal

investigation and resolved all related litigation on behalf of their client, Kansas City Terminal Railway, and its shareholders. The investigation specifically addressed allegations of significant fraud against the company perpetuated by its former president and outside contractors.

Graves Garrett pursued claims on behalf of KCT against former executives and other third parties involved in the scheme. Through resolution of those claims, the firm is pleased to report that Kansas City Terminal Railway was able to recover nearly all funds lost.

Graves Garrett obtained favorable settlements from defendants and other parties without the need for litigation. At the conclusion of the investigation and subsequent settlements, recoveries amounted to nearly 94 percent of Kansas City Terminal Railway’s provable losses.

Although the federal investigation is ongoing, Graves Garrett was able to accomplish these outcomes prior to any formal criminal charges. Kansas City Terminal Railway is now well positioned to move forward in a positive direction without awaiting resolution of the criminal process. ■

