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Dane Martin is an experienced litigator who concentrates his practice on high-stakes litigation, trials, and appeals. From individuals to Fortune 500 companies, clients trust Dane to help them navigate the complexities of the legal system during their most difficult times. Throughout the process, Dane understands the importance of maintaining clear communication and responsiveness. He also knows that positive outcomes are a byproduct of level-headed judgment, exceptional advocacy, and hard work.

Dane is well-versed in all aspects of civil litigation. He has taken and defended depositions in all corners of the country, serving as counsel in state and federal courts for both plaintiffs and defendants. His detail-oriented approach ensures that clients have a fully developed evidentiary record to advance their positions at trial and on appeal. He also has broad experience with expert discovery, handling expert issues from the beginning to the end of the case, from expert selection to *Daubert* challenges to direct- and cross-examination at trial. And when negotiations fail, Dane vigorously pursues his clients' interests at trial, telling their story in a way that is compelling and relatable.

In appellate proceedings, Dane draws on the experiences he gained as a judicial law clerk for the Hon. Patricia Breckenridge of the Supreme Court of Missouri. He has handled appeals and writ proceedings in the Supreme Court of Missouri, the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, the Supreme Court of Nebraska, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and the Missouri Court of Appeals.

Over the years, Dane's work has gained the attention of both local and national media. In 2014, *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* reported on his oral argument before the Supreme Court of Missouri, including the "interpretive escape hatch" he presented to allow for equitable estoppel to apply to the time limit for bringing wrongful death cases in Missouri. Dane's client ultimately prevailed. In 2018, the *Washington Post* and *Law360* quoted Dane regarding a \$3.5 million settlement he helped obtain in a class action lawsuit against the IRS. His successes at trial and in settlement have been reported by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, the Associated Press, and other media entities.

Before joining Graves Garrett, Dane practiced at a boutique litigation firm that focused on commercial litigation, class actions, and consumer protection litigation.



Credentials

Dane received his law degree, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Missouri School of Law, where he was inducted into the Order of the Coif. During law school, he served as Lead Articles Editor of the *Missouri Law Review*. Dane also received the Judge Roy W. Harper Prize for Best Work in Constitutional Law. Dane received his undergraduate degree from Northwest Missouri State University.

Recognitions and Awards

Dane is a graduate of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association's Bar Leadership Academy and Ross T. Roberts Trial Academy. He is recognized as a "Rising Star" by Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers — an honor given to no more than 2.5% of attorneys under the age of 40 in the state for professional achievement. In 2016, he was named an "Up & Coming" lawyer by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, an award given to attorneys based on their demonstration of excellence and their potential to make a difference in the legal profession and their communities.

Representative Matters

In re United States, 817 F.3d 953 (6th Cir. 2016).

State ex rel. Beisly v. Perigo, 469 S.W.2d 434 (Mo. banc 2015).

State ex rel. Two Unnamed Petitioners v. Peterson, 866 N.W.2d 165 (Wis. 2015).

Vianello Forensic Consulting, LLC v. Pitman Utility Products, Inc., et al., No. 1216-CV12568 in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri.

Porters Building Centers, Inc. v. Sprint Lumber, Inc., et al., No. 5:16-cv-06055-ODS in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri.

Platte County, Missouri v. UMB Bank, N.A., No. 18AE-CC00379 in the Circuit Court of Platte County, Missouri.

Jane Doe v. Scottsbluff Public Schools, et al., No. 4:17-cv-05010-JMG in the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska.

Kelly v. Popchips, Inc., No. 1316-CV11037 in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri.

In re Matter of [Incapacitated Ward], No. 13AH-PR00032, in the Circuit Court of Harrison, County, Missouri.

Community Involvement

Dane is active in the community. In addition to handling matters on a pro bono basis, Dane volunteers his time with nonprofits such as Care to Learn – Scuola Vita Nuova and Project Homeless Connect Kansas City.

A native of Maryville, Missouri, Dane lives in Parkville, Missouri with his wife and daughter.



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