



## Dane Martin

**Partner**

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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. Throughout the process, Dane understands the importance of maintaining clear communication and responsiveness. He also knows that positive outcomes are a byproduct of levelheaded 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, from expert selection to Daubert challenges to direct and cross-examination at trial. And if 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 Honorable 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 successes have gained the attention of 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 for equitable estoppel to apply to the limitations period for bringing wrongful death cases in Missouri. In 2018, the Washington Post and Law360 quoted Dane regarding a \$3.5 million recovery in a class action lawsuit against the IRS. In 2019, Dane helped obtain millions of dollars for a client who was sexually abused by her high school golf coach, a case closely followed by the media. A year later, in 2020, Dane's work for a Class I county in Missouri gained local and national attention for successfully resolving a revenue bond dispute that will save county taxpayers up to \$40 million.



Before joining Graves Garrett, Dane practiced at a boutique litigation firm that focused on complex commercial litigation and class actions. A native of Maryville, Missouri, he lives in Parkville, Missouri, with his wife and two daughters.

### **Recognitions and Distinctions**

- Since 2016, Dane has been 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 Media*, 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. In 2020, he was recognized in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch for outstanding professional excellence in practice. Most recently, Dane was named a *Missouri Lawyers Media* 2021 Legal Champion for his success in litigation based on the importance of the principle or policy at stake.

### **Professional Memberships and Certifications**

- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association’s Bar Leadership Academy, Graduate
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association’s Ross T. Roberts Trial Academy, Graduate

### **Civic and Community Involvement**

- Care to Learn — Scuola Vita Nuova
- Project Homeless Connect Kansas City
- Pro Bono legal work

### **Education**

- Northwest Missouri State, B.A. Business Management
- University of Missouri School of Law, J.D.
  - Magna Cum Laude
  - Order of the Coif
  - *Missouri Law Review*, Articles Editor
  - Judge Roy W. Harper Prize (Best Work in Constitutional Law)
  - Excellence awards for academic achievement in Constitutional Law, secured transactions, administrative law, and criminal procedure

### **Bar Admissions**

- Missouri
- Kansas



### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas
- U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

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