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Mueller's journey leads him to perfect spot at Graves Garrett

Matt Mueller carved a circuitous path across the state of Missouri, along the way meeting his bride-to-be and affirming his passion for the practice of law. Origin: Fenton, Missouri, in the suburbs of St. Louis. Destination: Graves Garrett LLC in Kansas City.

Still in the formative stage of developing his legal practice, Mueller continues to take on an increasingly important role at Graves Garrett, furthering his professional development while also assisting younger associates at the firm with theirs. He came to the firm from the University of Missouri School of Law in 2017 and quickly adapted to a complex litigation practice that supports the firm's commercial litigation; white collar criminal defense; and free speech, campaign finance, and election law work.

"I just kind of made my way across Missouri, slowly exploring different parts of the state throughout different phases of my life," Mueller said. "I didn't really have a firm idea of what I wanted to do with my legal practice when I went to law school. I didn't really know any attorneys and don't have any attorneys in my family. I had this general idea that I

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GRAVES GARRETT CONTINUES TO RANK IN CHAMBERS AS LEADING MISSOURI FIRM

Graves Garrett is pleased to announce the firm once again earned recognition as a leader for White-Collar Crime and Government Investigations in Missouri. In the 2021 Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business guide, Chambers and Partners ranked Graves Garrett was one of only two firms in the state to receive a top-level distinction in that practice area.

Additionally, Graves Garrett partners Todd Graves and Nathan Garrett were both ranked as individual attorneys in Missouri for Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations. Only 12 attorneys in the state received this honor.

Published by London-based Chambers and Partners, the annual Chambers USA guide ranks firms and attorneys in a wide range of practice areas based on in-depth research,

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MUELLER'S JOURNEY LEADS HIM TO PERFECT SPOT AT GRAVES GARRETT

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wanted to be a lawyer before really knowing what that entailed.

"When I was looking for a job while finishing law school, I saw this opportunity at Graves Garrett and the type of work here, obviously, is so unique compared to a lot of firms. At the time, it seemed like it would be a perfect fit, and I think that's proven to be the case."

Currently, Mueller often teams with partner Edward Greim on multijurisdictional matters at a nationwide level in the areas of constitutional, free speech, and election law. Greim said Mueller's contributions have become increasingly significant due to his legal acumen and ability to digest and interpret complicated matters.

Mueller seems to have found his calling in this area of law, and while the full scope of his future legal work comes into sharp focus, it was an abiding passion for helping others that led him to become a lawyer. He became interested in political science, legislative processes, and government in high school at Rockwood Summit, and his enjoyment of education made the process of pursuing a law degree seem achievable and not overwhelming.

Mueller stuck to the plan after enrolling at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri — a prestigious higher education destination in the north-central part of the state. There, he earned a degree in Justice Systems, which he calls a fancy title for criminal justice.

Heading almost straight south to Columbia, Missouri, Mueller earned his law degree from the University of Missouri. He participated in the Mizzou Law Veterans Clinic while in law school, and he had the opportunity to advocate for veterans throughout the process of appealing denied claims and helped to write and edit a petition for writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court.

This reinforced his approach to legal work where remembering that although he may be handling a number of cases at any one time, the most important case to the client is their case. This carried over into his private practice at Graves Garrett, a nationally recognized boutique firm with unique focuses and highly influential leadership.

Landing in Kansas City at Graves Garrett ended up perfect for so many reasons. He met his now-fiancée during their time at Truman State and they reconnected while he was in law school. In a short time, Kansas City was calling Mueller's name; a culmination of his journey that saw him live in nearly every region of Missouri.

"As fate had it, it all worked out," he said. "I feel like my place here has changed a lot in the past year; I have more autonomy and the privilege to take on a bigger role in cases and manage younger associates and interns. All of that has been beneficial to my growth and development, and I want to see that continue and take on bigger roles. There's never a lack of interesting

work at Graves Garrett, so I feel fortunate to enjoy what I'm doing."

Inside the office, Mueller's pristine, bespectacled appearance models the traditional look of an attorney, but whenever possible, he enjoys the opportunity to be outdoors. He spent a lot of time as a youth on a family farm south of St. Louis, and he also participated in Boy Scouts from kindergarten through high school graduation.

Mueller recently took a weeklong vacation to Montana and enjoys the duality of his professional and private lives.

"Pretty much anything that gets me outdoors is appealing — hiking, camping, all of it," Mueller said. "I think at first blush, I probably don't strike people as someone who likes to hang out outside, sleep in a tent, and be in nature, but anything that allows me to disconnect and unwind for a bit in the outdoors speaks to me."

The outdoors continues to be the perfect escape and juxtaposition from his high-stakes, complex legal work. But he enjoys both aspects of his life, and the journey remains rewarding.

"I want to continue taking advantage of the opportunities that have been given to me, developing my skills and learning from talented attorneys like Eddie, Todd Graves, and Nathan Garrett," Mueller said. "I've found a place where I'm happy and, for now, I'm not in a hurry to move anywhere else." ■

SCHUH JOINS GRAVES GARRETT AS LITIGATION ASSOCIATE

Graves Garrett LLC is pleased to announce the addition of Megan Schuh as an associate attorney with a focus on general commercial litigation. She will also provide critical support in other practice areas.

Prior to joining Graves Garrett, Schuh spent time as a law clerk at three firms in New Orleans, where she gained experience in multidistrict and multiparty, labor and employment, energy, environmental and construction litigation. Her work included drafting legal memos and attending remote depositions.

Schuh recently spent a year externing for the Hon. Nannette Jolivette Brown, Chief Judge for the United

States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

"We are pleased to have her on our team and look forward to helping her grow her practice while serving the needs of our national client base," Graves Garrett partner Todd Graves said.

Schuh completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Central Missouri before earning her law degree from the Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, graduating in the top five in a class of more than 100. ■



Megan Schuh

GRAVES GARRETT BOLSTERS BENCH WITH FORMER KANSAS ASSISTANT AG BROTHERS

Graves Garrett LLC is pleased to announce the addition of Paul Brothers as an associate attorney.

Brothers represents clients in high-stakes investigations, white collar criminal defense and complex civil litigation matters, bringing significant prosecutorial experience to his national practice. His extensive and varied litigation experience includes first-chairing jury trials on behalf of the Kansas Attorney General's Office in a variety of cases.



Paul Brothers

Prior to entering private practice, Brothers spent nearly five years as an Assistant Attorney General in the Kansas Attorney General's Office. He has experience handling all stages of litigation, from preliminary hearings, motions hearings, plea hearings, and sentencings. He has led notable prosecutions, conducting all phases of jury trials from jury selection to verdict, including financial cases with losses up to nearly \$1 million, insurance fraud involving both consumers and agents, and a variety of high-profile violent crimes.

"As a former appellate clerk and state prosecutor, Paul's background gives him a unique understanding of investigative and prosecution priorities, helping him effectively advise clients facing civil and criminal investigations," said Nathan Garrett, partner at Graves Garrett. "Graves Garrett continues to develop a bench of experienced attorneys with government backgrounds, allowing us to advise clients on responding to government investigations and help clients minimize risks before the government is involved.

A native of Clarinda, Iowa, Brothers graduated with honors from the University of Kansas School of Law, where he was inducted into the Order of the Coif and served on the Kansas Law Review. Before law school, he earned his undergraduate degree in political science with a minor in criminal justice from Northwest Missouri State University. ■

GRAVES NAMED TO BOARD OF CURATORS

Missouri Gov. Mike Parson has appointed firm partner Todd Graves to the University of Missouri Board of Curators. He will serve a six-year term on the nine-member board.

The Board of Curators serves as the governing body of the University of Missouri System, which includes the University of Missouri-Columbia, the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Missouri University of Science and Technology and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.



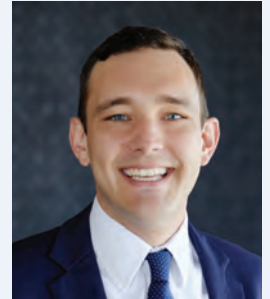
Todd Graves

Graves earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics, summa cum laude, from the University of Missouri in 1988. He fills the sixth congressional slot on the Board of Curators, and his term will expire January 1, 2027.

"I'm privileged and honored to serve as a Curator and plan to fully invest my time and effort into the betterment of the entire University of Missouri System," Graves said. "Four generations of my family, including my great grandfather, my father and one of my four children, in addition to my wife, have graduated from the University of Missouri, and my other three children are either attending classes or plan to attend classes at the university. I have great respect for each of the four campuses in the System, and I look forward to collaborating with the other board members from across the state on initiatives that improve the educational experience for all University of Missouri students." ■

ASSOCIATE BEGINS CLERKSHIP WITH U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

Graves Garrett would like to wish associate attorney Samuel Elliott best of luck during a prestigious one-year clerkship with the Hon.



Samuel Elliott

Duane Benton, United States Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Judicial clerkships offer an excellent way to bridge the gap between law school and the practice of law, providing the clerk with unparalleled access to and knowledge about the judicial process.

Sam will be a full-time assistant to Judge Benton and will perform a wide range of tasks, including legal research, drafting of memoranda and court opinions, proofreading, and citation checking. Appellate court clerks often spend most of their time researching and writing. This includes reviewing the record from the trial court and the parties' briefs to the court, researching the applicable law, and drafting related documents.

Sam joined Graves Garrett as an associate in 2020, and his practice includes general and commercial litigation and free speech and election law. He completed his undergraduate studies in political science with minors in international relations and social studies at John Brown University in Arkansas before earning his Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law.

During law school, Sam spent semesters working part-time for the National Republican Senatorial Committee and an appellate litigation firm in Washington, D.C. He also completed summer internships at Graves Garrett in 2018 and 2019 before returning as an associate in the summer of 2020. ■



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GRAVES GARRETT WELCOMES CARR TO FIRM AS ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Graves Garrett LLC is pleased to announce the addition of associate attorney Chandler Carr to the firm. His practice includes a focus on general business and commercial litigation.

Prior to joining Graves Garrett, Carr also gained valuable experience in insurance coverage litigation in courts across the country, representing corporate and individual policyholders in a wide range of industries and involving all types of coverage. This included litigating bad faith claims.

Carr also has litigated ERISA matters and employee benefit disputes, in addition to advising public and private hospitals, physician groups, home health organizations and other healthcare entities on corporate, transactional and regulatory issues. Specifically, he has counseled clients on a variety of complex healthcare issues, including fraud and abuse laws and labor and employment matters. He also has proven experience in contract drafting and negotiation.

"Graves Garrett continues to seek ways to meet the growing needs of our clients," said Todd Graves, partner at Graves Garrett. "Chandler's variety and breadth of experience not only gives us a valuable asset to meet current demand but also provides us with an opportunity to grow in the future, especially as the firm continues to seek opportunities to grow our work in healthcare."

Carr completed his undergraduate studies at Calvin University and has completed one year toward his Master of Divinity degree. He obtained his Juris Doctor from the Pritzker School of Law at Northwestern University. ■



Chandler Carr

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and client and peer interviews. As the preeminent guide of the legal industry, Chambers evaluates attorneys based on their legal knowledge and experience, ability and effectiveness, and client service.

In the guide, clients told Chambers USA the following about Graves Garrett and its attorneys:

- "They are strategic and good in the white-collar area; they truly have the expertise."
- Of Nathan Garrett, one referee said, "He is the best. I trust him, and his ability to advise and give insight based on his experience."
- Todd Graves was noted for his "excellent reputation for his handling of white-collar criminal investigations." ■

RAITINGER ACCEPTS IN-HOUSE POSITION WITH THE LEWER COMPANIES

Graves Garrett associate Callie Pippin Raitinger recently left the firm to take a new position as General Counsel for The Lewer Companies, a third-generation family-owned company providing small business benefits, investment counsel and international student health insurance. She will be managing all legal needs and partnering with Lewer's leaders to ensure success and growth of the companies.

Callie joined Graves Garrett in 2016, and the firm is grateful for her years of service and dedication to our clients. We are confident she will experience continued success in her now role and wish her all the best moving forward. ■



Callie Pippin Raitinger