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Letter From the Firm

While we're always looking ahead to help our clients with their most important legal needs, we also find it beneficial to reflect and be proud of our successes and thank the people who helped get us to where we are today. As we put a bow on 2022, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you, our clients, trusted partners, family, and friends, and wish you well this holiday season.

The year 2022 saw more growth and plenty of notable outcomes and honors. We welcomed to the firm of counsel attorney Jim Humphrey and associate attorneys George Lewis and Jackson Tyler and celebrated significant and favorable outcomes for multiple firm clients. Plus, our attorneys continued to earn recognition in various legal publications.

We are extremely proud to serve our clients' legal matters. And we thank you for putting your trust in us and our work. So, thank you for your support of Graves Garrett. It is our wish that you have a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a prosperous 2023! ■

NATHAN GARRETT TO SERVE AS MEDIATOR IN MISSOURI AND KANSAS COURTS

Graves Garrett is pleased to announce partner Nathan Garrett recently completed the University of Missouri School of Law's mediator training course, qualifying him to be listed on the Missouri Supreme Court's roster of neutral mediators and for inclusion on the approved lists of the U.S. District Courts for the Western District of Missouri and District of Kansas.

The faculty of MU Law's nationally recognized Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution facilitates the three-day session. Program topics include stages and tasks in mediation; negotiation, adjudication and settlement mix; court rules; ethical standards; confidentiality; and more.

Garrett brings unique experience and judgment to his work as a mediator — a blend derived

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KATIE GRAVES EARNS JD, CONTINUES TO GAIN VALUABLE LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Law school can be many things. Exciting. Challenging. Exhausting. Just to name a few.

For Katie Graves, it was a full-on educational experience, with plenty of studying, writing and real-world experiences along the way. Katie, the daughter of firm founding partner Todd Graves, received her Juris Doctor in May 2022 from the same institution her father did — the University of Virginia School of Law. Additionally, Katie, who also shares with her father the University of Missouri as an alma mater, was the president of the University of Virginia School of Law Christian Fellowship, a member of the Order of the Coif and an Executive Editor of the Virginia Law Review, putting her University of Missouri journalism degree to solid use.

"Everyone warned me that law school was not for the faint of heart," Katie said jokingly. "And it was definitely a challenge, but I was surprised by how much I liked law school. I had incredible professors, and I took fascinating courses. Classes on administrative law statutory interpretation, civil rights litigation, criminal procedure, the First Amendment, conflicts of law and federal courts captured my attention. I learned from professors who taught when my dad attended in the early 1990s and had a huge wealth of knowledge to share. I got to study alongside some of the brightest people I've ever met."

Prior to law school, Katie was passionate about prosecution and assisting victims of crime. And, while that path isn't entirely off the table, her experiences in law school have solidified another legal passion — constitutional law.

"Law school made me realize how much I enjoy constitutional law and federal courts issues," Katie said. "I love learning something new every day, and I really like appellate practice. That's not to say I won't end up in prosecution eventually, but in the short term I want to develop an appellate practice."

Currently enjoying a yearlong clerkship with the Federal Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Katie boasts an impressive resume thus far. To her name, she has two summer internships at Chicago-based Kirkland & Ellis, where she handled a variety of appellate matters, including preparing cases before the Supreme Court, and another stop at Sullivan & Cromwell in Washington, D.C. There, Katie assisted on government investigations, white collar defense, and other litigation matters.



Katie Graves

"I think from both experiences I learned that I enjoy a varied practice. I prefer trying different types of cases," she said. "I enjoy strategizing with other attorneys and working under experienced lawyers who are far smarter than me. All that is to say, I enjoy a challenge. I definitely perform better and work harder when I am in unknown territory."

And while Katie's time as a law clerk with the Federal Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit continues through August 2023 and her next step in her young career is unknown, one thing is quite clear through her studies and experiences.

"The Constitution protects the most basic freedoms. It's extremely important not only for lawyers but also for everyday Americans," Katie said. "But it's also a document that many jurists have misinterpreted or used for political means. And over time, we've departed from the original public meaning of the document so that jurists have stripped some provisions of all their power and saddled other provisions with rights and powers they were never meant to carry. I think the restoration of the Constitution to its original public meaning is one of the most noble and worthwhile pursuits." ■

GRAVES GARRETT SECURES 5 BEST LAWYERS BEST LAW FIRMS RANKINGS

Graves Garrett LLC is pleased to announce five total rankings for the firm in the 2023 edition of the U.S. News – Best Lawyers Best Law Firm rankings. Graves Garrett achieved a national ranking in Litigation for a fifth consecutive year.

The firm also maintained its Kansas City Metropolitan rankings in Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense: White-Collar, Litigation, and First Amendment Law.

The U.S. News – Best Lawyers Best Law Firms rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process and include input from multiple sources. Practice area rankings are produced both nationally and within 186 metropolitan areas across the United States.

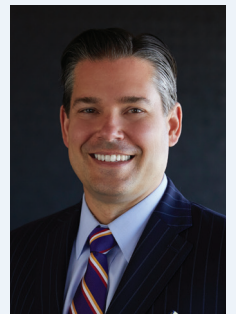
Graves Garrett partners Todd Graves, Nathan Garrett and Eddie Greim and senior counsel attorney Bradley Bodamer were honored individually in the 2023 edition of Best Lawyers rankings. Garrett was named the 2023 "Lawyer of the Year" in Kansas City in Criminal Defense: White-Collar. Additionally, partners Lucinda Luetkemeyer and Dane Martin, along with associate Matthew Mueller, were named as "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch." ■



Todd Graves



Nathan Garrett



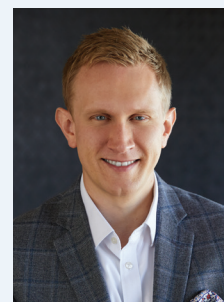
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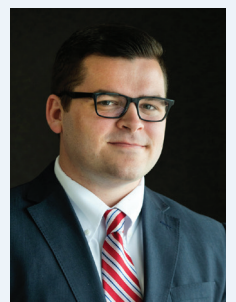
Bradley Bodamer



Lucinda Luetkemeyer



Dane Martin



Matthew Mueller

MCGRODER IS GRAVES GARRETT'S SEVENTH STRAIGHT MISSOURI LAWYERS MEDIA UP & COMING HONOREE

Graves Garrett attorney Joe McGroder recently earned distinction in Missouri Lawyers Media's 2022 class of Up & Coming Lawyers award winners. Honorees include attorneys who are age 40 or younger or in their first 10 years of practice who are positively affecting the legal profession in Missouri while demonstrating the potential for significant future success.

Winners were recognized during a ceremony Friday, Oct. 14, in St. Charles and profiled in a recent edition of Missouri Lawyers Weekly. This marks the seventh straight year a Graves Garrett attorney made the Up & Coming list.

McGroder, 33, noted in the profile that he has learned valuable lessons at this point in his legal career, but none more valuable than staying calm under pressure.

"In law and in life, the more relaxed you are, the better you are at basically everything, and as it relates to the practice of law, that includes articulating your message effectively," he told the publication.

At Graves Garrett, McGroder has contributed to the firm's robust White Collar Criminal Defense & Government Investigations practice. Additionally, he regularly works in the Commercial and Business Litigation and Internal Investigations practices. McGroder represents individual and corporate clients facing high-stakes investigations and prosecutions and provides crucial counsel and evaluates potential financial exposure and liability during uncertain times. ■



Joe McGroder

THREE GRAVES GARRETT ATTORNEYS EARN DISTINCTION FOR WHITE-COLLAR DEFENSE POWER LIST FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Graves Garrett is pleased to announce partners Todd Graves and Nathan Garrett and of counsel attorney Jim Humphrey were honored on Missouri Lawyers Weekly's 2022 POWER List for White-Collar Defense, which acknowledges "the most powerful attorneys" in Missouri for this sector of law. All three earned the distinction for a third straight year.

An independent panel selects the honorees deemed to be the best at defending clients from adverse government actions, including criminal prosecution and regulatory enforcements. The honorees were profiled in a recent edition of Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

Graves represents clients nationwide before federal and state courts and administrative agencies. His areas of experience include white-collar criminal defense, political speech and election law, internal investigations, regulatory compliance, and complex commercial litigation.

Garrett focuses his practice on federal civil and criminal investigations,

complex commercial litigation, and False Claims Act (qui tam) prosecution and defense. He has achieved numerous successful outcomes across a full range of matters in courts throughout the country.

Humphrey's practice involves representing clients in all aspects of commercial and business, class-action and multiparty, and securities litigation, while also providing high-profile work in white-collar criminal defense, government investigations, compliance and regulatory enforcement, and professional liability and malpractice claims. ■



Todd Graves



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LUETKEMEYER MODERATES ELECTION LAW PANEL AT THE MISSOURI BAR'S ANNUAL MEETING

Graves Garrett partner Lucinda Luetkemeyer recently moderated a plenary session titled "Conducting Free and Fair Elections – The Law, Access and Litigation" at The Missouri Bar Annual Meeting in Springfield, Missouri.



Lucinda Luetkemeyer

At the largest gathering of Missouri lawyers and judges held each year, Luetkemeyer led a panel of bipartisan election law attorneys who discussed recent major changes to Missouri election law, as well as election law strategies in practice, both before and after Election Day. Panelists also discussed the role of election lawyers in representing candidates and political committees, post-election challenges, and legal strategies in practice on Election Day.

Luetkemeyer represents clients in Graves Garrett's Free Speech and Election Law practice group, where she regularly counsels clients on compliance with state and federal ethics and campaign finance laws and has experience advising candidates for state and federal office, statewide officials, members of Congress, political committees, and nonprofits. ■

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from over 27 years of service as a state and federal prosecutor, FBI Special Agent and private practitioner. He has developed a distinguished track record of successful outcomes in high-stakes litigation across a wide-ranging area of criminal and civil law, having led businesses and individuals through countless dispute resolution processes.



Nathan Garrett

"I want to become a recommended resource to help parties settle legal conflicts outside of trial or other institutional processes," Garrett said. "I've been part of complex and highly consequential matters over a lot of years, and I firmly believe the occasions are few where a negotiated outcome is not the right answer for all parties. Some people may struggle with it, but it's their last stop with control over the outcome."

Garrett's practice focuses on federal civil and criminal investigations, complex litigation, and False Claims Act (Qui Tam) prosecution and defense. ■