

GRAVES GARRETT GREIM NEWS

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Graves Garrett Greim Becomes Generational Law Firm With Most Recent Hires

The two newest attorneys at Graves Garrett Greim bring deep ties to the firm.

Katie Graves and Hallie Bodamer have both decided to start private practices alongside their fathers. Katie is the daughter of partner Todd Graves, and Hallie is the daughter of senior counsel attorney Brad Bodamer.

"Katie is a natural fit for us, and I'm proud of her," Todd said. "She graduated in the top of her class at Virginia and clerked on the Fifth Circuit. She is a lot smarter than her old man, and I'm really happy she chose to work at GGG. I've enjoyed watching her begin her legal career."

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FIRM ADDS EDDIE GREIM AS NAME PARTNER

We are pleased to announce our firm will be known as Graves Garrett Greim, effective January 1, 2024.



Eddie Greim

The name change recognizes partner Eddie Greim's commitment and contributions to the firm's success. He joined the firm in 2006, became a partner in 2010, and maintains an influential and respected practice focused on complex commercial litigation, internal investigations, whistleblower claims, free speech and election law, and constitutional advocacy. His free speech and election law experience has included numerous constitutional challenges to election and campaign finance laws, representation of clients in state and federal ethics and campaign

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GRAVES GARRETT GREIM ADDS NEW GENERATION OF ATTORNEYS

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"Katie's creativity, energy, intelligence, and special style of advocacy are going to make a difference for a wide range of clients and in a variety of our more difficult cases."

"When Hallie decided to go to law school, I don't know that I imagined working alongside her," Brad said. "I'm glad she decided to take a look at our law firm, and given our family's history, I shouldn't be surprised that our careers have overlapped in this way."

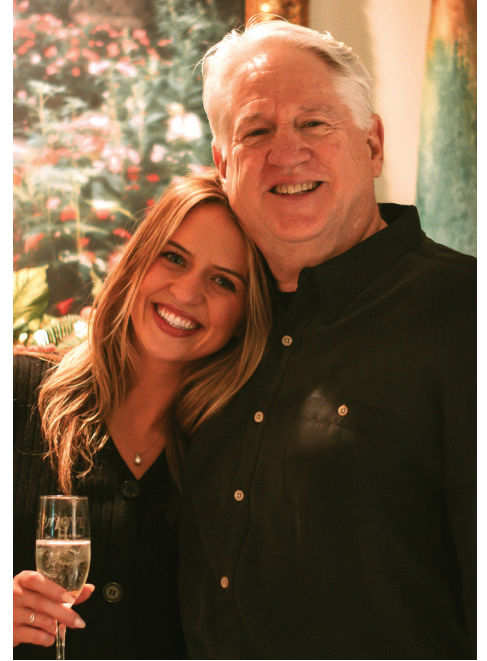
Prior to joining GGG in September, Katie clerked for the Hon. Andrew S. Oldham in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit following stints as a summer associate in the Washington, D.C., offices of two Am Law 100 firms in 2020 and 2021. At those firms, she worked on both trial and appellate matters.

Katie's internships have included time with the Kansas City (Missouri) Police Department General Counsel, the Hon. Roseann A. Ketchmark in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri, and the Executive Office of the Governor of Missouri.

Taking the same educational path as her father, Katie completed her undergraduate studies in journalism at the University of Missouri before earning her law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, where she graduated as a member of the Order of the Coif and served as an executive editor for the Virginia Law Review.

"I've come to realize how many amazing things my dad has done, and through his example and his career and the impact he's made, he's really inspired me to go into law," Katie said. "My parents have always been pretty open in wanting me to pave my own path and figure out what I wanted to do on my own. This is what I want to do, and my dad reminds me that it will work out and helps me keep perspective, which I appreciate."

Hallie joined the firm this summer after earning her law degree from the University of Colorado Law School, where she graduated as a member of the Order of the Coif and served as an associate editor on the Colorado Law Review. She previously worked as a summer associate with GGG and completed a judicial internship with the Hon.



Hallie & Brad

Elizabeth Brodsky in Colorado's 20th Judicial District Court (Boulder County) and served as a summer associate in the Denver office of an international law firm.

A Kansas City native and graduate of Pembroke Hill School, Hallie completed her undergraduate studies in economics and communications at Wake Forest University, where she graduated magna cum laude.

Brad Bodamer came to GGG in early 2021, bringing nearly four decades of legal experience prosecuting and defending claims in a wide variety of complex litigation matters. He has represented many notable companies, including Cerner Corporation, Lloyd's of London, Employers Reinsurance Corporation (now Swiss Re), Zurich, Adidas, Westar Energy, Golden Living, QuikTrip, and 7-Eleven.

"I learned a lot from my family about the practice of law on my way to becoming an attorney," Hallie said. "I've always been able to lean on my dad and now he's just a few doors down when I need advice. I'm excited to work alongside him and all of the other talented legal professionals at Graves Garrett Greim." ■



Katie & Todd

INGRAM'S NAMES TODD GRAVES TO PRESTIGIOUS LIST OF "50 MISSOURIANS YOU SHOULD KNOW"

Graves Garrett Greim partner Todd Graves recently earned inclusion on Ingram's magazine's exclusive annual list of "50 Missourians You Should Know."

Published in the August edition of the Kansas City-based publication, "This unique feature spotlights highly accomplished yet colorful residents who give the Show-Me State its unique flavor." The editors noted in this year's version "the number of exceptional leadership figures who hail from Missouri's rural areas," which includes Graves – a resident of Platte County with broad interests beyond his accomplished legal practice.

"Like the six generations of Missouri farmers who came before him, Todd Graves has that same spirit of independence — and, he admits, plenty of anti-authority attitudes," his published profile reads in part. "'I've always wanted to chart my own path,' he said. 'We formed this law firm over 17 years ago, and it's among the best decisions I've ever made.'"

"'We are at our best when we stand up to government authority or big business on behalf of a principled client. I want to be the attorney a client wants in their foxhole with them when things are bad,'" Graves also told Ingram's.

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. ■



Todd Graves

GREIM JOINS FIRM NAME PARTNERS

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finance enforcement actions and investigations, initiative petition drafting and litigation, litigation and advice regarding First Amendment protections for petition circulation, representation of not-for-profit clients before state regulators, and advice on campaign and election law compliance.

"Eddie has been here since the early days of the firm and is a recognizable and influential member of our team who provides sophisticated legal strategy to many of the most high-profile and consequential matters we handle," partner Todd Graves said. "We are honored to incorporate his name into the future of our firm and look forward to the contributions he will make in continuing to build our local, regional, and national reputation." ■

FIRM PLACES 10 ATTORNEYS IN BEST LAWYERS RANKINGS, EARNS 8 PRACTICE GROUP DISTINCTIONS IN BEST LAW FIRMS

Graves Garrett Greim is pleased to announce 10 of the firm's attorneys earned recognition in The Best Lawyers in America 2024, an annual peer-reviewed guide that honors top legal professionals. This is the firm's largest-ever representation of honorees for a single year.

Best Lawyers honorees included partner Todd Graves making the list for the 14th straight year, partner Nathan Garrett for the 10th straight year, and partner Eddie Greim for the seventh straight year, while senior attorneys Bradley Bodamer (third time) and Jim Humphrey (first time at Graves Garrett) were also honored.

In addition, GGG associates Matthew Mueller, Chandler Carr, George Lewis, Cody Hagan, and Joe McGroder were also recognized in the guide's "Ones to Watch" category, which highlights up-and-coming attorneys. Mueller became a two-time honoree, while the other four made their debut.

At least one GGG attorney was honored in each of the following categories:

- Commercial Litigation
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Government Relations Practice

- Qui Tam Law
- Administrative/Regulatory Law
- Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Corporate Governance and Compliance Law
- Insurance Law
- Tax Law
- Litigation – Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)

Firms must have an attorney ranked by Best Lawyers in America in a practice area to be considered for a firm ranking in the corresponding Best Law Firms list. GGG earned eight total rankings in the 2024 edition of the Best Law Firms rankings, including a national distinction in Litigation for a sixth consecutive year.

The firm also maintained Kansas City Metropolitan rankings in Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense: White-Collar, Litigation, and First Amendment Law, while adding new distinctions in Government Relations, Administrative/Regulatory Law, and Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants. ■



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CHAMBERS CONTINUES TO RANK GRAVES GARRETT GREIM'S WHITE-COLLAR CRIME & GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIONS PRACTICE AS LEADER IN MISSOURI

Graves Garrett Greim is pleased to announce the firm maintained high-profile recognition as the leader for White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations in Missouri. In the 2023 Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business guide, the publication made GGG one of only two firms in the state to receive a top-level distinction in that practice area.

Additionally, GGG partners Todd Graves, Nathan Garrett, and Lucinda Luetkemeyer were all ranked as individual attorneys for their work in the same practice area. Luetkemeyer was a first-time honoree. Only 17 attorneys in the state received this honor.

In the guide, clients told Chambers USA the following about the firm and the attorneys:

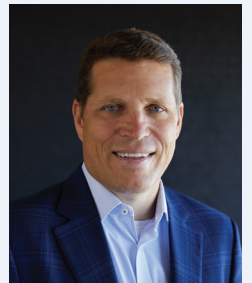
- "They're very experienced and knowledgeable."
- "They are very thorough and measured within all areas where they work."
- "Nathan (Garrett) remains circumspect and even-tempered, even while navigating difficult and unusual legal challenges."
- "I'm very satisfied with (Todd Graves') professionalism and ability to provide a quality service."

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 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. ■

GRAVES ELECTED VICE CHAIR OF UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI BOARD OF CURATORS

The University of Missouri Board of Curators has elected Todd Graves to serve as vice chair for a one-year term, effective Jan. 1, 2024. Appointed to the board in 2021, Graves is in the middle of a six-year term as the sixth congressional representative 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 succeeds newly elected board chair Robin Weneker as the vice chair.

"The University of Missouri is on a great path," Graves said in a release. "I'm very pleased with the progress and plans across the entire system, and I look forward as vice chair to contributing to our success."

Graves earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics, summa cum laude, from the University of Missouri in 1988. Four generations of his family, including his great-grandfather, father and three of his four children, in addition to his wife, have graduated from the University of Missouri. Two of his children are currently attending classes, including one pursuing a postgraduate degree. ■