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GGG empowers Beal to pursue unique personal, professional growth

Hallie Beal determinedly sought out a law degree but also her own unique identity as an attorney, even if she can't fully avoid the inherited lineage.

Beal's recent marriage changed her last name, but she still works alongside her father, Brad Bodamer, senior counsel at GGG.

"Obviously, I've been exposed to the legal industry. Both of my parents are attorneys, but they did try their best to talk me out of it so I can't say that's what drew me into it," Beal said. "I think growing up I've always been interested in the legal realm. Writing and reading were always my strong suits, and I've never shied away from an argument."

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CHAMBERS CONTINUES TO RANK GGG'S WHITE-COLLAR PRACTICE AS BEST IN THE STATE, ALONG WITH 3 ATTORNEYS HIGHLIGHTED

Graves Garrett Greim (GGG) is pleased to announce the firm continued to garner Band 1 recognition as the leader for White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations in Missouri. In the 2025 Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business guide, the publication made GGG one of only three firms in the state to receive the 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. Only 19 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

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GRAVES' ROLE AS CHAIR OF UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SYSTEM'S BOARD OF CURATORS HIGHLIGHTED IN BOSTON GLOBE ARTICLE



Todd Graves

A Boston Globe article looking at higher education funding and the potential advantages for local and regional public institutions featured insight from Graves Garrett Greim partner Todd Graves, who also currently serves as chair of the University of Missouri System's Board of Curators. The current presidential administration continues to make decisions that

some leaders see as more broadly distributing wealth and talent with less concentration on coastal and historically elite institutions.

"A lot of higher education is in a political food fight because they don't like the flavor of the current leadership," Graves said in the article. "We [at the University of Missouri] keep our head down, we educate the students, we conduct the research, and we don't try to tell people how to live their lives. We try to make people's lives better."

The University of Missouri Board of Curators elected Graves to serve as vice chair for a one-year term in

2024, and this past fall, he earned election to chair for a year, effective January 1, 2025. He is in the middle of a six-year term as the sixth congressional representative on the nine-member board serving 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.

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 there, including one pursuing a postgraduate degree.

At Graves Garrett Greim, 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. ■

Graves Garrett Greim thanks pair of summer associates for hard work, dedication

Graves Garrett Greim LLC is pleased to announce Autumn Duncan and Adam Ryan completed the firm's annual summer associate program, which gives participants the valuable opportunity to spend time working with the firm's attorneys in a range of practice areas while receiving training, mentorship, and exposure to clients and meaningful casework.

"We appreciate the opportunity every year and continue to be impressed with the quality of law students interested in working with our firm to gain experience in the practice and help serve the firm's clients," GGG partner Lucinda Luetkemeyer said. "Autumn and Adam are incredibly impressive, and we appreciate the hard work and dedication they showed during their time in the office."

Autumn Duncan earned her undergraduate degree magna cum laude from Northern Arizona University with a double major in history and criminal justice and a minor in law, rights, and justice. She enters her second year at the University of Missouri School of Law as a Laurence E. Wall Scholarship recipient for outstanding merit and an active leader as a Mizzou Law Student Ambassador and member of the Women's Law Association.

Previously, Duncan gained legal industry experience as a clerk at a law firm in Flagstaff, Arizona. Prior to law school, she served as vice president and chair of her college campus chapter of Turning Point USA. In her free time, she volunteers at the State Historical Society of Missouri.

Adam Ryan, a native of Blue Springs, Missouri, completed his undergraduate studies at Saint Louis University, where he earned a degree in honors philosophy and political economy, summa cum laude. He went on to obtain an MBA from SLU's Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business before serving as a Fulbright Scholar in Vienna, where he conducted independent research at the University of Vienna on the ancient roots of modern populism. Ryan now enters his second year at the University of Virginia School of Law, where he is a member of both the Federalist Society and St. Thomas More Society. ■



Autumn Duncan



Adam Ryan

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Now in her third year as an associate at Graves Garrett Greim (GGG), Beal continues to build out a multifaceted private practice encompassing complex commercial litigation, white collar criminal defense, and government investigations. She continues to thrive in the firm's autonomous and challenging environment with a distinct reputation for representing individuals and businesses in uncommon circumstances.

Beal channels her competitiveness honed through her athletic background into a new outlet: diligent client advocacy.

"You have a goal; you win and you lose, at least in litigation most of the time," she said. "I've always found that piece to be very motivating for me. As I've progressed in my career, I've become more and more involved, and I see the outcomes — the wins and losses. Lives are affected, and that brings a whole other level of importance to the work we do."

After graduating from Pembroke Hill High School, Beal resolved to pursue higher education away from the Midwest. She visited multiple campuses but fell in love with Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where she earned an undergraduate degree in economics and communications, a double major conducive to her larger legal interests.

Beal then deferred a year around the COVID-19 pandemic and ended up at the University of Colorado Law School in Boulder. Having always enjoyed time spent in the state during summer vacations as a child, she might have stayed longer but an introduction to her future husband during her first summer back home ultimately influenced the next steps after obtaining her law degree.

"I wanted to experience different areas of the country," she said. "Wake Forest and Colorado were great decisions, and I really enjoyed my experiences and benefited from the diverse perspectives and professional environments I found in both places, but I always thought I'd end up back in Kansas City."

Beal was originally drawn to criminal defense, but her judicial internships in law school broadened her perspective and led her to explore other paths. She worked as a legal intern at GGG before law school and later returned as a summer associate. The autonomous and challenging nature of the work, even as a first-year law student, appealed to her sense of independence.

GGG's specialty work in white collar criminal defense, government investigations, and political matters was also a draw. Beal embraces the challenges of learning on the go and collaborating with the other attorneys, especially the accomplished partners

instrumental to the firm's ongoing success and increasingly visible national profile.

"We have so many unique people here with different backgrounds and ideas," Beal recently said while talking about her burgeoning career at GGG. "This was just a great place to land, and I've been able to do work that most people my age and at this stage of their careers don't typically get to experience. I'm just trying to take advantage of the opportunity and reward the faith and the confidence the partners have put in me."

For now, Beal finds empowerment to pursue a meaningful legal career and fulfillment in potentially starting and growing her own family. She truly believes GGG offers the right balance of professional and personal growth.

"That's always been the goal. That's always been my baseline," Beal said. "My mom was a practicing attorney my entire life, so that's what I've always known and looked up to. I've set that expectation for myself. I'm getting so much meaningful, hands-on experience — running cases, managing client communications, and tackling challenging, mentally stimulating work. There's always something interesting, never a dull moment.

"I think mostly I want to show up for myself and my clients, but also for the attorneys here and prove that they put their trust in the right person." ■

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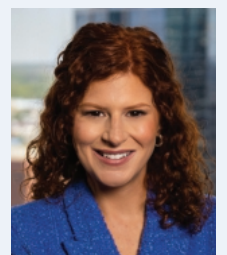
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Graves Garrett Greim again increases number of attorneys honored in Best Lawyers guide

Graves Garrett Greim (GGG) is pleased to announce 12 firm attorneys earned recognition in The Best Lawyers in America 2026, a peer-reviewed guide that honors top legal professionals. This marks the firm's largest-ever representation of honorees for a single year.

Best Lawyers honorees included partner Todd Graves making the list for the 16th straight year, partner Nathan Garrett for the 12th straight year, partner Eddie Greim for the ninth straight year, and partner Lucinda Luetkemeyer for the second time, while senior attorney Bradley Bodamer (fifth time) was also honored.

GGG partners Paul Brothers, Chandler Carr, and Joe McGroder, along with associates Hallie Beal, Katie Mitra, Matthew Mueller, and Michael Scott, were also recognized in the guide's "Ones to Watch" category, which highlights up-and-coming attorneys. Mueller became a four-time honoree, while Carr and McGroder made the list for a third straight year and Brothers earned repeat distinction. Beal, Mitra, and Scott were all first-time recipients of the honors.

Recognition in Best Lawyers is based entirely on peer review. The organization's methodology is "designed to capture, as accurately as possible, the consensus opinion of leading lawyers about the professional abilities of their colleagues within the same geographical area and legal practice area."

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 – First Amendment
- Litigation – Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy) ■



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