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Esq.**

Kansas City, Missouri

Current Employer-Title Sandberg Phoenix & Von Gontard P.C. - Senior Counsel

Profession Attorney

Work History Senior Counsel, Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard PC, 2023-Present; Partner/Senior Counsel, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LP, 2005-2023; Partner, Berkowitz Stanton Brandt Williams & Shaw, 1997-2005; Partner/Associate, Stinson Mag & Fizzell, 1977-1996.

Experience Service as counsel to boards of directors, management teams and legal departments regarding litigation, business and regulatory matters, and risk avoidance. Serve as lead trial counsel in complex business and commercial litigation in federal and state courts throughout the nation, as well as before governmental agencies and arbitration panels.

Substantive experience in litigating and counseling clients regarding class, shareholder derivative and multi-plaintiff litigation; including multi district litigation; enforcement proceedings commenced by governmental and self-regulatory agencies; securities litigation and enforcement proceedings; antitrust and related class action litigation; employment litigation.

Mediator Experience Acted as mediator in numerous (approximately 30) cases, and participated in hundreds of mediations as counsel, with special experience in financial services disputes. Mediated many securities cases involving claims against broker-dealers, and also mediated numerous disputes involving restrictive covenants in the financial services and insurance industries. Also mediated a number claims involving alleged discrimination and sexual harassment in various industries. Further mediated several disputes involving alleged trademark infringement in the beverage and plastics industries as well as corporate and banking shareholder disputes. Each of these disputes involved substantial damages claims.

Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator Mediated many different types of disputes, especially securities, employment and restrictive covenant cases. Mediated substantial claims against banks and other financial services firms, as well as insurance companies. Also mediated substantial trademark infringement cases in the beverage and plastics industries as well as banking and corporate shareholder disputes. Each of these disputes involved substantial damages claims.

Mediator Style & Process Preferences Approach each and every mediation very seriously. Request confidential mediation statements and prepare very thoroughly. View myself as a facilitator, but when necessary also as an experienced case evaluator who can effectively communicate relative risks and rewards of further litigation.

Technology Proficiency Proficient with various on line platforms and other technology.

Education Vanderbilt Law School (JD-1977); Vanderbilt University (BA-1974).

Professional Licenses Admitted to the Bar: Missouri (1977); U.S. District Court: Western and Eastern Districts of

Missouri; U.S. Supreme Court (1993); multiple other federal courts.

Professional Associations President, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, 2014; Missouri Bar Board of Governors, 2015-2019; Missouri Bar Task Force on Complex Litigation, 2016-2018.

Appointed in 1990 and 1991 to separate Merit Selection Commissions recommending candidates for United States District Judge; Appointed in 2017 to Merit Commission for Reappointment of US Magistrate Judge; Appointed in 2018 to Chair Merit Commission for Appointment of US Magistrate Judge; U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society - Missouri Chair, 1997-1998; 2015-2016; Vanderbilt - Executive Editor, Vanderbilt Law Review.

Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements Adjunct Professor, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, 2010-2014; Lecturer, Vanderbilt Law School, 2006-Present.

Locations Where Parties Will Not be Charged for Travel Expenses Kansas City, Missouri and surroundings.

Mediation Rate \$500 Per Hour

Languages English

Citizenship United States of America

Locale Kansas City, MO

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