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Overview

David Schatz leads the firm's Construction group and assists contractors, owners, and design professionals with all phases of the construction process. David drafts and negotiates contracts, advises clients on day-to-day business ventures, tries lawsuits, and is involved in arbitrations.

Working closely with the firm's real estate team, David also assists clients with all phases of real estate development and construction.

David has extensive trial experience, handling over 75 trials and arbitrations involving a variety of construction disputes, contract, and tort claims.

Education

- University of Missouri School of Law, 2001 (J.D.)
- University of Missouri – Columbia, 1998

Bar Admissions

- Kansas, 2002
- Missouri, 2001

Community Involvement

- Lawyers Encouraging Academic Performance, Board of Directors, 2010-present
- Legal Aid of Western Missouri, Volunteer Attorney Project
- United Way of Greater Kansas City, Allocation Review

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2021-2027
  - Real Estate Law
  - Construction Law
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Litigation – Construction
- *Kansas City Business Journal,* Best of the Bar, 2014-2015
- *Missouri Lawyers Media*, POWER List – Construction Law, 2023-2026
- *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*, Construction Litigation, 2014-2025
  - Rising Star, Construction Litigation, 2009, 2011-2012

Memberships

- Kansas Bar Association
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, Board of Directors, 2007-present
- The Missouri Bar
- Roberts American Inn of Court

Related Experience

- Served as lead counsel on trial teams representing contractors in multimillion dollar arbitrations and trials involving private and public projects.
- Served as lead counsel on a trial team that obtained a jury verdict of $5 million against an insurance company on behalf of a contractor.
- Obtained a multimillion dollar settlement on behalf of an owner in a dispute with a national contractor.
- Served as lead counsel and day-to-day advisor for financial institutions on local and national construction and real estate litigation issues.
- Served as construction counsel for universities.
- Involved in construction contracts for multiple NFL stadium projects.