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Overview

Tyler Scott helps insurance providers evaluate novel and complex insurance coverage claims and develop risk-averse strategies to resolve issues and negotiate disputes to avoid costly litigation. When litigation becomes necessary, he employs years of experience and strong legal acumen to defend clients against breach of policy and bad faith claims and to pursue subrogation and contribution on behalf of clients in state and federal courts across the country.

Tyler navigates a wide assortment of insurance claims, including CERCLA and other environmental liability, toxic tort, construction defect, business interruption, false advertising, catastrophic loss and disasters, and sexual assault and abuse, under equally diverse policy types.

A progressive industry thought leader, Tyler also advises on new and emerging insurance industry issues – such as cannabis, climate change, and PFAS contamination – then presents his findings in various legal forums.

Additionally, Tyler's practice includes general commercial litigation, including defending manufacturers against product liability claims and litigating commercial contract disputes.

Education

- University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law (J.D.), *summa cum laude*
- University of Missouri (B.A.), *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Kansas
- Missouri

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

Community Involvement

- Mizzou Alumni Association, Kansas City Chapter, Board of Directors, 2015-2022
- UMKC Law School Alumni Board, 2022-present

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America,* Commercial Litigation, 2026-2027
- *Benchmark Litigation*, 40 & Under List, 2024-2025
- *Kansas City Business Journal*, Twenty to Know – Insurance Industry, 2021
- *Missouri Lawyers Media*, Up & Coming Lawyer, 2019
- *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, Insurance Coverage, 2022-2025; Business Litigation, 2014-2021

Presentations and Publications

- "Incorporating Climate Change into Underwriting Evaluations," Perrin Conferences, June 2025
- "PFAS Litigation and Regulatory Developments," Perrin Conferences, February 2025
- Cautionary Tales: Liability Concerns in Youth Sports," PERRIN Environmental Risk and PFAS Liability Conference, June 2024
- "Ohio Train Derailment – A Case Study: How the Media and Public Distrust During Large-Scale Environmental Events Impacts the Insurance Industry," International Association of Claim Professionals, *Year in Review*, 2022-2023
- "Environmental Update: Emerging Issues in Environmental Insurance," Client Seminar
- "Navigating the Waters of Marine Insurance," Client Seminar
- "Climate Change: The Next Industry Challenge," PERRIN Environmental Liability Conference, July 29, 2020
- "Emerging Risks and the Legalization of Marijuana," AIRROC Spring Membership Meeting, March 5, 2019

Related Experience

- Successfully defended insurance company in multiple class actions across the country alleging coverage for business interruption losses allegedly arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Secured judgment confirming that insurer had no coverage obligation to insured under commercial general liability policy for false advertising and Lanham Act claims.
- Successfully defended national manufacturer in product liability lawsuits, obtaining dismissals and summary judgments.