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In Brief

- **Partner of Wagstaff + Cartmell LLP**
- **Counseled insurers and reinsurers on liability and coverage issues, successfully settling hundreds of catastrophic cases**
- **Frequently invited to speak before a variety of audiences including insurers, brokers, claims departments, insurance industry groups, and other lawyers**

Daryl Douglas' current practice focuses on seeking recovery for individuals who have been injured by defective drugs and medical devices. Over the last 30 years, Daryl has had a broadly diversified litigation practice. Since 2016, Daryl has focused predominately on negotiating aggregate and individual settlements of the firm's mass tort cases, and then structuring and implementing the mass tort settlement processes critical to the clients' recovery. He also handles all phases of litigation of the firm's mass tort cases, including producing clients and deposing treating physicians and medical experts.

Prior to 2016, Daryl spent 20 years as the Senior Vice President and Claims Manager at national primary and excess carriers and international reinsurers. During that time, Daryl managed the medical malpractice and general liability exposures for insured hospitals, physicians, and nursing homes, across the country. Daryl counseled insurers and reinsurers on liability and coverage issues, and successfully settled hundreds of catastrophic cases, both before and after trial.

Daryl began his career as an associate at two of Kansas City's largest defense firms, representing manufacturers in the defense of product liability suits, physicians and hospitals in professional negligence matters, and carriers and their insureds in personal injury cases. During that time, he first and second-chaired several trials to verdict and successfully argued appeals in the state and federal appellate courts. Daryl's pro bono experience includes successfully reuniting a mother and her infant child following DFS's efforts to terminate parental rights and a month-long criminal drug conspiracy trial with post-conviction oral arguments to a three-member and en banc panel of the 8th Circuit.

Daryl has frequently been invited to speak before a variety of audiences including insurers, brokers, claims departments, insurance industry groups, and other lawyers. He has given presentations on a wide range of topics including jury verdicts and trends, jury research, defense and claims management of catastrophic cases, case evaluation and reserving, coverage issues, and settlement strategies. Daryl is also retained as an expert in insurance coverage and bad faith litigation.

Daryl has a history of successfully resolving the highest exposure cases for plaintiffs and defendants in individual and global settlements.

Notable Litigation

Pelvic Mesh Repair System Products Liability Litigation (S.D.W.V.)

In 2012, thousands of lawsuits filed nationwide against several manufacturers of transvaginal mesh products. These cases were consolidated by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (JPML) into several MDLs before the Honorable Joseph R. Goodwin in the Southern District of West Virginia. Among the dozens of lawyers who applied for leadership positions, Judge Goodwin selected Tom Cartmell as one of a handful of attorneys to lead this mass litigation. Over the ensuing eight years, Tom and the Wagstaff & Cartmell team committed more than 50,000 hours prosecuting more than 100,000 cases – one of the largest mass consolidations ever. Media outlets have reported that settlements have totaled more than \$8 billion for women injured by these defective products. In addition to co-leading this mass action in federal court, Tom Cartmell and Jeff Kuntz played leading roles in several bellwether jury trials in federal and state courts



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- Helped negotiate a record-setting \$1.2 billion subrogation settlement in the World Trade Center litigation against the airlines for security breaches that led to the tragic 9/11 hijackings and air crashes

Practice Areas

Daryl handled cases in mass actions & personal injury and healthcare and professional liability. Daryl has built a national reputation handling some of the nation's largest and most challenging mass actions and achieving highly regarded results along the way. Daryl represents leading hospital systems, physician groups, individual doctors and other healthcare professionals in malpractice cases in every area of medicine.

His practice area has:

- Recovered billions of dollars on behalf of clients
- Achieved historic results in catastrophic injury and wrongful death suits
- Regularly appointed to leadership positions in MDLs nationwide
- We proudly represent Kansas City institutions
- Expertise across the entire healthcare field
- Midwest leader in healthcare defense cases

Prior Work Experience

Senior Vice President and Claims Counsel - Endurance Specialty Insurance Co; Employers Reinsurance Corporation (later acquired by Swiss Re)
Attorney - Blackwell, Sanders (now Husch, Blackwell)
Attorney - Shook, Hardy & Bacon

Education

- J.D., University of Virginia, 1989
- B.A., William Jewel College, 1986
 - Summa cum laude

Professional Organizations

[Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association \(KCMB\)](#)
[Missouri Bar Association](#)
[Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter \(CPCU\)](#)

Admissions

[Missouri](#)
[U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri](#)

Honors and Awards

- GE Capital Pinnacle Award Winner – 2000