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In Brief

- **Partner of Wagstaff + Cartmell LLP**
- **Successfully argued before the Missouri Supreme Court in Wanda Mayes, et al., v. Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City, et al. Case No. SC93012**
- **Has extensive trial experience and has tried a number of cases to verdict in Missouri and Kansas**

Sarah Ruane, a partner at Wagstaff & Cartmell, has litigated a variety of matters in state and federal courts around the country at the trial and appellate level. She has been extensively involved in all phases and aspects of fact discovery, expert discovery, and motion practice on behalf of plaintiffs in the largest pelvic mesh MDL in the country over the past several years.

Sarah has also worked extensively on fact discovery, expert discovery, and legal motions on behalf of plaintiffs in the National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL. Recently, Sarah took a leading role in a sophisticated class action against a large automobile manufacturer involving excessive oil and battery consumption.

Sarah was also involved in successfully defending a putative class action case on behalf of Jackson County, Missouri in a case seeking certification of a class of detainees alleging poor conditions inside the Jackson County Detention Center.

In addition to her nationwide practice, Sarah has been consistently retained to represent various businesses in matters ranging from product liability claims, fraud, and commercial disputes.

Notable Litigation

Defense Verdict – Alleged Failure to Timely Diagnose Stroke

Wagstaff & Cartmell attorney, Diane Watkins, successfully defended a physician and a nurse in a jury trial in which the plaintiff alleged that the clients failed to timely diagnose a stroke.

In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL 2804 (N.D. Ohio)

The Wagstaff & Cartmell team is involved in this prescription opiate litigation MDL. Ty Hudson worked with a team of lawyers to help prosecute the case against prescription drug distributors in the initial MDL bellwether cases, which resulted in settlements totaling more than \$260 million. The next phase of the litigation is on-going. Eric D. Barton is representing dozens of county and city governments in Kansas, Missouri, Virginia, Florida, and Mississippi in lawsuits against manufacturers and distributors of opioid pain medications seeking recoveries of damages arising from the nationwide opioid addiction crisis.

Bang v. BMW of North America, No. 2:15-cv-6945 (D.N.J.)

Wagstaff & Cartmell attorney, Eric Barton, served as Co-Lead Class Counsel in an excessive oil and battery consumption class action. He helped obtain final court approval of a settlement awarding financial and extended service benefits to a class of over 80,000 owners and lessees of BMW vehicles with an N63 engine.



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Practice Areas

Sarah handled cases in class actions & commercial litigation, mass actions & personal injury and governmental representation. Sarah has represented developers, franchisees, investors, large companies, small businesses and entrepreneurs in a wide range of litigation. Sarah 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. Sarah represents cities, counties, school districts and regional authorities in high-profile disputes.

His practice area include:

Antitrust
 Breach of contract
 Business torts
 Franchise litigation
 Professional malpractice
 Financial and investment fraud
 SEC whistleblower/qui tam actions

Prior Work Experience

TBD

Education

- J.D., University of Kansas School of Law, 2006
- B.A., Wake Forest University, 2003

Professional Organizations

[Missouri Bar Association](#)

[Kansas Bar Association](#)

[Lawyers association of Kansas City – Young Lawyers Section](#)

[Johnson County Bar Association](#)

Admissions

[Kansas](#)

[Missouri](#)

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

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

Honors and Awards

Rising Stars, Thomson Reuters – 2011 -2014

20 in Their Twenties, Ingram's Magazine