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Tom Rottinghaus has practiced civil litigation in Kansas City for 22 years. For the first 15 years of his career, Tom's practice primarily focused on the representation of one of the nation's largest hospital systems, representing hospitals and health care providers in professional negligence cases and commercial litigation. More recently, Tom's practice has expanded to include representation of individuals, businesses, and local governments in mass actions pending in courts across the United States.

Tom is currently involved in the representation of several businesses in litigation against a large insurance company alleging improper denial of claims relating to COVID-19. Recently, Tom was involved with a team of lawyers pursuing plaintiffs' claims through fact discovery against a drug distributor in cases pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 2804. Tom is also working with a leadership team in the prosecution of nationwide claims against a leading manufacturer of vena cava filters in California. In re: Cordis IVC Filter Cases, JCCP 4977 (Alameda County, Ca.). Tom and his firm have also been involved in the prosecution and administration of thousands of product liability claims against several pelvic mesh manufacturers throughout the country in recent years.

Tom has tried cases in various state and federal courts across the country. He has been consistently recognized by his peers in legal publications as one of the top attorneys in Missouri and Kansas for his litigation work over the last 10 years.

Tom was appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court to serve consecutive terms on the Missouri Bar's Disciplinary Committee, which reviews and administers complaints alleging attorney misconduct. In addition to his national practice, Tom continues to represent one of the nation's largest for profit health care systems, along with several local and regional businesses, in a variety of matters.

Notable Litigation

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.

In Re: Cordis IVC Filter Cases, JCCP 4977 (Super. Ct. CA)

David DeGreeff is serving as a Member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee. Other members of the Wagstaff & Cartmell team, including Thomas Rottinghaus are also involved in the case.



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Practice Areas

Thomas handled cases in class actions & commercial litigation and healthcare and professional liability. Thomas has represented developers, franchisees, investors, large companies, small businesses and entrepreneurs in a wide range of litigation. Thomas represents leading hospital systems, physician groups, individual doctors and other healthcare professionals in malpractice cases in every area of medicine.

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

Partner, Shughart, Thompson, & Kilroy

Education

- J.D., University of Kansas School of Law, 1998
 - Law Review
- B.A., University of Kansas, 1995

Professional Organizations

[Kansas Bar Association](#)
[Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Health Law](#)
[Missouri Bar Association](#)
[Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers](#)
[Wyandotte County Bar Association](#)

Admissions

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

Honors and Awards

Best of the Bar, Kansas City Business Journal – 2015
 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyer – 2016
 Benchmark Litigation
 Up and Coming Lawyers, Missouri Lawyers Weekly
 AV Rating by Martindale-Hubbell
 Best Lawyers in America