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## Licensure:

- ◆ Missouri
- ◆ Illinois
- ◆ United States District Courts:
  - Eastern District of Missouri
  - Central District of Illinois
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

## **Rated AV**



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## Focus:

- ◆ Commercial Liability
- ◆ Insurance
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Premises Liability
- ◆ Product Liability

## Education:

- ◆ St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas  
B.A., English – Communication Arts, *Summa Cum Laude*, 1988
- ◆ University of Missouri, Columbia  
J.D., 1991
- ◆ Insurance Trial Academy, International Association of Defense Counsel, Boulder, Colorado, 1994

## Awards and Honors:

- ◆ Oral Arguments – Missouri Supreme Court / Missouri Court of Appeals / Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals
- ◆ Negotiation Tournament Finalist, University of Missouri - Columbia, 1990
- ◆ Moot Court Finalist, University of Missouri – Columbia, 1990
- ◆ Oral Arguments Finalist, University of Missouri – Columbia, 1989
- ◆ Chairman of the Honor Code Committee, University of Missouri - Columbia, 1989 – 1991

## Affiliations:

- ◆ The Bar Association of Metropolitan Saint Louis
- ◆ The Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers
- ◆ The Missouri Organization of Defense Counsel
- ◆ Lawyers Association of St. Louis
- ◆ Tort & Insurance Practice Section of the ABA
- ◆ American Boat & Yacht Council, Inc.
- ◆ University of Missouri – Columbia Alumni Board, St. Louis Chapter



### Background:

- ◆ Principal, Rabbitt, Pitzer & Snodgrass, P.C. (1998 – Present)
- ◆ City Attorney / City Prosecutor, City of Olympian Village, Missouri (1997-1998)
- ◆ Associate, Rabbitt, Pitzer & Snodgrass, P.C. (1991 – 1998)

### Publications and Seminars:

- ◆ “Handling Tractor – Trailer Accidents in Missouri and Illinois – A Primer from the Defense Perspective,” Lumber Mutual Insurance Company, July 1, 1999 (Minneapolis, Minnesota)
- ◆ “Survey of Recent Truck Verdicts in High Verdict Venues: What Works / What Doesn’t and Settlement,” August 27, 1999 (St. Louis, Missouri)
- ◆ “Personal Injury Settlements in Missouri: Practical Methods for Perfecting the Settlement of a Claim,” March 30, 2000 (Clayton, Missouri)
- ◆ “Keeping the Lid on Premises Liability Cases,” July 27, 2000 (St. Louis, Missouri)
- ◆ “Evidence and Hearsay in the Missouri Courtroom,” April 15, 2001 (St. Louis, Missouri)
- ◆ “Inside the Jury Box: An In-Depth Discussion of Juror Perspectives,” August 2, 2001 (St. Louis, Missouri)
- ◆ “Trying the Wrongful Death Case in Missouri: Strategies in Preparation & Valuation,” December 19, 2001 (St. Louis, Missouri)
- ◆ “Subrogation and Other Means of Recovery in Missouri and Illinois,” October 24, 2002 (St. Louis, Missouri)
- ◆ “Personal Injury Settlements in Missouri: Practical Methods for Perfecting the Settlement of a Claim,” January 30, 2003 (St. Louis, Missouri)
- ◆ “Your Witness: Finding, Preparing and Using Your Expert in Federal Court,” April 9, 2003 (St. Louis, Missouri)
- ◆ “‘Something More’ Stepping Outside the Workers’ Comp. System,” October 1, 2004 (St. Louis, Missouri)
- ◆ “The Missouri Tort Reform Legislation,” August 11 2005 (St. Louis Missouri)
- ◆ Donald L. O’Keefe and Timothy W. Callahan *Something More Than What? A Primer for the Missouri Lawyer*, 61 J. Mo.Bar 246 (2005).