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Richard T. Merker

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Health Law
Litigation



Richard T. Merker has been practicing law since 1971. He is licensed to practice law in Kansas and Missouri. His practice focus is on civil litigation with an emphasis on medical and dental professional liability, products liability, premises liability, complex insurance issues and damage to credit standing matters. He has tried in excess of 200 jury cases in the states of Kansas and Missouri. In 1996 and 1999 he was a finalist for a Kansas State District Court judgeship. He has consulted extensively as an expert witness for the defense in attorney malpractice litigation and other insurance related matters. He has been appointed by the courts as a Pro Tem judge, Special Master, Mediator, Guardian Ad Litem and Special Counsel to the Johnson County Grand Jury. He handles private mediations. He has been a speaker on numerous occasions to Bar Associations and to local and state dental groups including The Kansas Dental Association. He speaks annually as a guest lecturer at UMKC Law School on risk management to law school seniors. In 2000, he was awarded the Defense Attorney of the Year Award from AAOMS National Insurance Company. He has been awarded the Continuing Excellence Award by OMSNIC (formerly AAOMS) each presentation year since 2002. Mr. Merker has been rated "AV" by *Martindale-Hubbell* for more than 30 years.

Personal

- ◆ Birthplace: Kansas City, Missouri. Married with two children and one grandchild.

Professional Education

- ◆ Juris Doctor, University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law, 1971
- ◆ Bachelor of Arts, University of Missouri at Kansas City, 1968

Professional Practice

- ◆ Wallace, Saunders, Austin, Brown & Enochs, Chartered
 - Attorney, 1971 - Present
 - Shareholder and Director, 1974 - Present
 - Member, Litigation Practice Group
 - Member, Health Law Practice Group
 - Law Clerk, 1969 - 1971
- ◆ Linde, Thomson, Van Dyke, Fairchild & Langworthy

Professional Memberships

- ◆ Kansas Bar Association
- ◆ The Missouri Bar
- ◆ Johnson County Bar Association
- ◆ Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

Honors

- ◆ 10th Judicial District, Judicial Nominating Commission, Elected Member, 2011
- ◆ Designated a Missouri/Kansas "Super Lawyer" by *Law and Politics*, 2006 - 2010
- ◆ President and Treasurer, Johnson County Bar Association

Professional Licensure and Experience

- ◆ Licensed to practice in Kansas and Missouri; admitted to practice in the trial and appellate courts of Kansas and Missouri; the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas and the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri; the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth and Tenth Circuits; and the U.S. Supreme Court
- ◆ Since 1971 he has experience in civil litigation with particular emphasis on medical and dental professional liability, products liability, premises liability, complex insurance issues, and damage to credit standing matters

Professional Licensure and Experience (cont'd)

- ◆ Kansas Bar Association, Committee on Indigent Defendants
- ◆ Rockhurst High School Alumni Board

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