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# John Sandberg Named Missouri Law Firm Leader of 2013

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*Missouri Lawyers Weekly* recently named Sandberg Phoenix managing partner, John Sandberg, the 2013 Law Firm Leader Award recipient. Sandberg will receive his award at the publication's annual awards luncheon at Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark Village, January 24, 2014.

The award recognizes managing partners who “demonstrate extraordinary vision, innovation and leadership” in a given year.

Most notable of Sandberg's accomplishments has been his drive and vision to aggressively grow the firm by opening two new offices in Overland Park, Kansas and Clayton, Missouri, while also adding an enviable list of expert talent with the addition of 14 attorneys in 2012, and almost doubling that number in 2013 with the addition of 24 new shareholders and associates.

The Family Law practice team has also grown because of the firm's continued expansion with the addition of three new attorneys to that practice team, making Sandberg Phoenix the largest firm in the metropolitan area with a fully-staffed Family Law team. The Health Law practice group also experienced key additions, bolstering its client service capabilities in the growing healthcare industry. But, it has been the Business and Business Litigation practice groups responsible for the largest acquisition of new talent over the past two years by adding 21 attorneys, ranging from first-year associates to veterans with almost 50 years' legal expertise.

“We have intentionally focused on hiring specific talent to fortify our existing strengths so we can improve our results and services thru greater depth and expertise,” Sandberg said. “And our two new offices will serve existing clients more effectively by giving them closer access to us and we'll also have the opportunity to compete for new clients and talent near those offices.”

Sandberg graduated from University of Missouri-Columbia law school in 1972 and has spent his entire career practicing business litigation. Along with 7 fellow attorneys, in 1979 he co-founded Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard P.C., now celebrating their 35th year in operation. From 2005-2012 he was named to the Missouri Super Lawyers in the area of Business Litigation and also named as one of the Top 50 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers in St. Louis for 2007, 2008 and 2009. In 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009 he was recognized as one of the best trial attorneys in the country by Best Lawyers in America, and this year he was selected by his peers for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America © 2013 (copyright 2012 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, S.C.), for Commercial Litigation; Personal Injury Litigation – defendants; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants; Construction Litigation; and Real Estate.

Sandberg was recently voted into a second term as managing partner by the firm's shareholders and will serve through the end of October 2016.