



## Benjamin Wesselschmidt

SHAREHOLDER IN ST. LOUIS, MO

Ben Wesselschmidt focuses his practice on complex and multiparty civil litigation, specializing in employment law, non-compete litigation, class action defense and appellate litigation. Ben has experience representing employers in a broad scope of employment issues, including litigation and consent decree compliance with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, as well as high stakes litigation world of post-employment restrictive covenant litigation.

In his class action defense work, Ben focuses his practice on the defense of employers for wage and hour class allegations and on the defense of product manufacturers for product defects and alleged labeling defects.

Ben also has extensive appellate knowledge, having formerly served as a Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Robert M. Clayton III on the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. He handles a wide variety of appeals, but focuses primarily on interlocutory appeals to ensure the enforcement of arbitration agreements.

Outside the office, Ben is an avid amateur cyclist and vintage racing bike collector. He spends most of his time with his wife Ashleigh, and their two sons.

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### SERVICES

Appellate & Complex Litigation

Class Actions

Commercial Litigation

Employment Litigation

General Business Law

Personal Injury & Tort Defense

### INDUSTRIES

Insurance Litigation

Tobacco & Nicotine Alternatives

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Associated General Contractors of Missouri, Member

### EDUCATION

J.D., DePaul University College of Law, *cum laude*

Ben served as the special projects assistance the director of the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

B.A. in English, Truman State University, *summa cum laude*

## **LICENSURE(S) AND ADMISSION(S)**

Illinois

Missouri

United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri

## **CLERKSHIP**

Ben served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Robert M. Clayton III on the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District.

## **CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

Ben also stays active in the community. As an annual fundraiser and participant in Pedal the Cause, Ben raises funds for leading edge cancer research for Siteman Cancer Center at Washington University School of Medicine, and as a supporter of Trailnet, Ben advocates for the expansion of pedestrian-friendly greenways in the St. Louis area.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Ben frequently presents for the Illinois Chamber of Commerce on changes and updates in Illinois and federal employment law.

## **RECOGNITION**

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