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# Dyanna Ballou

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Dyanna is a first-chair trial attorney who has successfully defended lawsuits in state and federal courts nationwide. Her practice areas include the defense of product liability, premises liability, insurance defense, construction defect, and commercial matters. She's represented a wide range of defendants from product manufacturers to construction contractors. In addition to her law practice, Dyanna owned several litigation support companies that provided document review and strategic planning assistance to large corporations nationwide. She is a frequent presenter at CLEs and industry meetings.

## DISTINCTIONS

Top Five Missouri Defense Verdict in 2017 by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

#### **Publications**

"Next Steps in the Opioid Crisis: Litigation," For the Defense. June 2018.

#### Presentations

 $^\circ$  SEAK Expert Witness Seminar, "How Not to Get Disqualified," Clearwater, FL, April 2022.

<sup>o</sup> Defense Research Institute Seminar on Marijuana Law, "Game of Conflicts" ethics presentation, Chicago, IL, June 2018.

<sup>°</sup> NITA—Defending Depositions, "Game of Conflicts" ethics presentation, Cleveland, OH, March 2017.

 $^{\circ}$  The Defense Asbestos Litigation Seminar, "Game of Conflicts," Las Vegas, June 2016.

<sup>o</sup> Practical Trial Insights: Recent Research Applied to Everyday Litigation – University of Missouri-Kansas City, June 2016.

 $^{\circ}$  The Defense Asbestos Litigation Seminar, "Defending the Take-Home Case," Las Vegas, June 2015.

# Education

University of Kansas (B.A. 1985)

## **Court Admissions**

US District Court for the Western District of Missouri US District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri US District Court for the Southern District of Illinois Bar Admissions Missouri Kansas Illinois Pennsylvania