



## Thomas R. Buchanan

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**Practice Areas**

[Construction & Architect/Engineer Law](#)

[Employment Law](#)

[Litigation & Dispute Resolution](#)

[Personal Injury](#)

[Transportation Law](#)

Tom Buchanan is the Associate General Counsel of McDowell Rice and leads the firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Construction and Architect/Engineer Law and Transportation Law Groups.

Mr. Buchanan is Board Certified as a Civil Trial Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He practices nationwide and has handled a broad range of litigation, including design professional and other construction litigation, professional liability, tort, insurance coverage and bad faith, environmental, commercial, employment discrimination, ERISA, product liability, trade secrets, tort matters, vehicle/trucking accidents and class action litigation. He has appeared as lead counsel in courts in federal and/or state courts in Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.

In addition to expertise in his varied litigation practice, he has well-developed problem-solving skills. He has also been honored for his work as co-founder, former President and former Secretary-Treasurer of the Earl E. O'Connor Inn, American Inns of Court.

**Distinctions**

[Distinction selection information](#)

Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers, Construction Litigation: 2005 to 2008, and 2013-2019; Business Litigation: 2015-Present

Best Lawyers in America 2014

Earl E. O'Connor American Inn of Court

Board Certified Civil Trial Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy

Served on Civil Bench Bar Committee, United States District Court for District of Kansas

AV® Preeminent™ Rated by Martindale Hubbell

**Memberships**

The Missouri Bar

Kansas Bar Association

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

Johnson County Bar Association  
The Association of Trial Lawyers of America  
American Association for Justice  
The Voice of the Defense Bar

**Community**

Mr. Buchanan has worked with a number of charitable organizations, including membership in the Johnson County Bar Foundation, where he served as Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Johnson County CASA program, and, for a number of years, working with his wife on the Salvation Army Christmas Angel project, which helps indigent families during the holiday season. Mr. Buchanan was awarded the 1990 Kansas Bar Association Pro Bono Certificate for his work in providing legal representation to those less fortunate.

**Education**

**University of Kansas** (J.D., 1980)

**Washburn University** (B.A., 1977, Philosophy)

**Court Admissions**

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth  
Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth  
Circuit  
U.S. District Court for the District of  
Kansas  
U.S. District Court for the Western  
District of Missouri

**Bar Admissions**

Kansas  
Missouri  
Colorado