



## Michael J. Gorman

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**Practice Areas**

[Banking & Financial Services](#)

[Bankruptcy, Workouts & Financial Restructuring](#)

[Corporate & Business Transactions](#)

[Creditor's Rights & Remedies](#)

[Litigation & Dispute Resolution](#)

[Manufacturer/Dealer & Wholesale Finance](#)

Mike Gorman practices nationwide in the areas of commercial, dealer, franchise, wholesale lending, lender liability and trade practices litigation, bankruptcy litigation, and antitrust litigation and counseling. He represents manufacturers and franchisors in disputes with their dealers, wholesale lenders in disputes with their borrowers, and a variety of businesses in contract, commercial, and trade practice lawsuits. He also represents and counsels clients in antitrust, marketing, and trade practices issues.

Mr. Gorman represents manufacturers and franchisors in disputes with their dealers/franchisees, including termination, encroachments, cure process, parts returns, succession, revisions to dealer/franchise agreements, dealer/franchisee bankruptcy, and supplier bankruptcy; represents and counsels clients regarding matters arising under the Sherman Act, the Clayton Act, and the Robinson-Patman Act as well as unfair competition under state law and trade practices claims and issues; represents and counsels clients in contract, commercial, trade practices, and marketing disputes; creditor representation in bankruptcy. Mr. Gorman also represents lenders in disputes with borrowers, including out-of-trust ("SOT"), workouts, forbearance agreements, lender liability and tying allegations, and borrower bankruptcy.

Mr. Gorman represents employers in disputes with and suits brought by employees, including EEOC, NLRB and state human rights matters.

Mr. Gorman serves as Executive Vice President of McDowell Rice.

**Distinctions**

[Distinction selection information](#)

Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers, Business Litigation: 2012 to the present

AV® Preeminent™ Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

Missouri Kansas Super Lawyers (2011-present)

Best Lawyers in America 2014

AV® Preeminent™ Rated by Martindale-Hubbell (1994-present)

Presenter, "Forbearance and Work Out Agreements", Missouri Bankers Association Legal Issues Conference, October 2014

Advisory Board, Bank Counsel Section, Missouri Bankers Association, 2016-Present

### **Memberships**

Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers, Business Litigation: 2012 to the present

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American Bar Association (Franchise Forum, Antitrust Sections)

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

### **Community**

Mr. Gorman coached and managed youth soccer teams and clubs for over 15 years. He is an active member of the Nativity Council, Knights of Columbus, where he recently served as Grand Knight for three years.

### **Education**

**University of Missouri at Kansas City** (J.D., 1986)

Order of the Bench and Robe;

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society;

UMKC Law Review, Associate Case Note Editor

**Rockhurst College**, Kansas City, Missouri (B.S., 1983, Business Accounting)

### **Court Admissions**

U.S. District Court for the District of  
Kansas

U.S. District Court for the District of  
Western District of Missouri

### **Bar Admissions**

Missouri

Michigan

United States Court of

Claims - 2017