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Practice Areas

[Banking & Financial Services](#)

[Bankruptcy, Workouts & Financial Restructuring](#)

[Construction & Architect/Engineer Law](#)

[Creditor's Rights & Remedies](#)

[Litigation & Dispute Resolution](#)

Lou Wade helps his clients obtain payment for what they do, practicing primarily in areas involving creditors' rights, commercial litigation, bankruptcy, and collection. He also provides advice and defenses for lawyers and collection agencies in cases alleging violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. He provides legal services to small, mid-sized, and large businesses as well as to individuals. In his years of practice, Mr. Wade has been an associate in a small firm, captive counsel to a national company, founder of his own firm, and partner in a large, regional firm before joining McDowell, Rice. His clients include automotive lenders and numerous manufacturers, lenders, and collection agencies.

Mr. Wade assists in dischargeability litigation, motions to lift stay, objections to confirmation, preference litigation, director and officer litigation, accounts receivable litigation for bankruptcy estates, and defense of contempt motions for discharge and stay violations; pursues collection of commercial accounts (e.g., open account sales of goods and services involving building supplies, agricultural products, computer services, auto parts, legal services, and virtually any other product or service) and retail accounts (e.g., credit cards and student loans). By use of trained staff and a sophisticated software system, Mr. Wade efficiently and effectively pursues legal remedies on behalf of creditors.

Mr. Wade also defends lawyers and collection agencies in state and federal court in cases alleging violations of FDCPA; defends lawyers in claims involving alleged ethical violations; defends companies in claims by the Attorney General; pursues cases involving contract, real estate, construction, and other disputes between businesses; enforces security interests, foreclosures, replevins, and mechanic's liens; and seeks recovery under automobile dealer bonds.

Presenter: Service of Process: The Rules in Practice, Missouri Creditors' Bar, Inc., 3/10/2017

Presenter: Bankruptcy Avoidance Actions under 11 USC 523 & 727, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Pro Bono representation seminar, 1/19/2017

Presenter: Bankruptcy and the Student Loan Office, National Credit Management, National Webinar, 12/13/2016

Presenter: Mechanic's Lien Waivers, NACM Construction Group, 8/23/2016 and KCAA, 11/11/2016

Presenter: Practical Tips for Missouri Collection Professionals: Hot Issues, Dangerous Pitfalls, and Trick Problems, Lorman, 12/18/2015

Presenter: Key Settlement Strategies in FDCPA Litigation, NBI, 6/18/2015

Representative Matters:

Maxwell v. St. Francis Health Center, et al., No. 17-4014-SAC-KGS, 2017 WL 4037732 (D. Kan. Sept. 13, 2017) – granting in part defendants' motions to dismiss various claims, including unconscionable acts and practices claim under the Kansas Consumer Protection Act, § 1692e(2)(1), (5) and § 1692f of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, wrongful garnishment, conversion, invasion of privacy, and outrage.

Covington v. Franklin Collection Services, Inc., No. 16-2262-JWL, 2016 WL 4159731 (D. Kan. Aug. 5, 2016) – granting defendant's motion for judgment on the pleadings and dismissing Fair Debt Collection Practices Act claim, and denying Plaintiff's request for leave to amend to assert a new Fair Debt Collection Practices Act claim.

Brooks v. Niagara Credit Solutions, Inc., No. 15-9245-JWL, 2015 WL 6828142 (D. Kan. Nov. 6, 2015) – granting defendant's motion to dismiss Fair Debt Collection Practices Act claim.

Noble v. Noble, 456 S.W.3d 120 (Mo. Ct. App. 2015) – reversing trial court's quashal of garnishments.

News & Events

[2020 Super Lawyers® and Rising Stars® Lists](#)

[Summary Judgment \(and more\) for Client obtained by Louis J. Wade and Ania W. Moncrief](#)

[Pair of Wins by Lou Wade and Ania Moncrief](#)

[Louis J. Wade Recognized by National Publication for Excellence in Creditors' Rights](#)

[Victory for Lou Wade and Ania Moncrief](#)

[Lou Wade Serves as Panelist for Missouri Creditors' Bar, Inc.](#)

[Beware: Credit Unions Remain Subject to Hearing for Certain Reaffirmations in Bankruptcy](#)

[Quick victory for Lou Wade and Ania Moncrief](#)

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Distinctions

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Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers, Civil Litigation: Defense 2017-Present; Bankruptcy: Business, 2015-2016; Bankruptcy: 2013-2014

"Top Attorneys in Collections" – Named in Collection Advisor Magazine's September/October 2018 national publication

Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers, Bankruptcy 2013-2014; Bankruptcy: Business 2015-2016; Civil Litigation: Defense 2017 Best Lawyers in America 2014

Frequent speaker at seminars on FDCPA, collections, bankruptcy, and litigation.

Graduate of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy

AV® Preeminent™ Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

Co-Author, Chapter 4, Kansas Bankruptcy Handbook, 3d Ed., "Representing Creditors in Chapter 7 Proceedings."

Memberships

Kansas Collection Attorneys' Association (past president)

Creditors' Rights and Asset Protection Association (past chair)

Commercial Law League of America (Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy & Insolvency Sections)

American Collectors' Association

Community

Past Commissioner and Chair, Blue Valley Recreation Commission

2016 Distinguished Commissioner, Kansas Recreation and Parks Association

Member, Board of Directors, Women's Foundation

Member, Executive Committee, Women's Foundation

Former coach and/or Assistant coach for over 10 years for youth Basketball, Baseball and Soccer teams

Past Chair, "Making Cents in the City," annual financial literacy course for young women (Co-sponsored by The Women's Foundation and the Girl Scouts)

Member of Executive Committee, Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE), which provides financial literacy training to high school students

Education

University of Missouri at Kansas City (J.D., 1980)

University of Iowa (B.A., 1976, Economics and Political Science)

Court Admissions

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals for the

Eighth Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the

Tenth Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the

District of Columbia Circuit

United States District Court for the

District of Kansas

United States District Court for the

Western District of Missouri

Missouri Court of Appeals

Kansas Court of Appeals

Bar Admissions

Missouri

Kansas