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In today's world, litigating disputes is often unavoidable. Since 1947, litigation has been a focus of our practice at McDowell Rice. We apply the experience and dedication necessary to meet the diverse litigation needs of our local, regional, and national clients and are committed to providing results-oriented litigation and dispute resolution services. As tenacious and experienced advocates, we work with you to develop a cost-effective strategy with your objectives in mind. We advocate for our clients in federal and state courts and arbitration panels at home in the Kansas City area, throughout Missouri and Kansas, and across the country.

Our litigation experience includes, the following types of disputes:

- Antitrust
- Appellate Advocacy
- Arbitration
- Business and Commercial
- Class Actions
- Commercial and Trade Practices
- Construction
- Contracts
- Employment and Labor
- Fair Debt Collection Practices Act
- Floor Plans
- Franchise and Dealer Agreements
- Multi-District Litigation (MDL)

- Personal Injury
- Probate and Trusts
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability
- Real Estate
- Trucking Catastrophic Injury

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Examples of our work include:

- Patrick Guinness Scores Significant Settlement for Client in Non-Compete and Defamation Case
- Kansas Court of Appeals decision affirming judgment in favor of regional bank enforcing promissory notes and guarantees and dismissing eight lender liability counterclaims.
- Kansas Supreme Court decision remanding for trial claims of residential home buyers against seller and realtor for fraud, negligent misrepresentation, and breach of contract arising from undisclosed water intrusion at residence.
- Favorable settlement for defendant engineering firm on claims seeking over \$42 million in damages in a lawsuit in Greeley, Colorado.
- Kansas Court of Appeals decision affirming dismissal for lack of personal jurisdiction in favor of defendant in malicious prosecution claim.
- Summary judgment in favor of defendant in Fair Debt Collection Practices Act claim.
- Jury verdict in the United States District Court for the District of Kansas in favor of employer on retaliatory discharge claim.
- \$17 million jury verdict in the United States District Court for the District of Kansas in favor of engineering firm on breach of contract and misappropriation and trade secrets claims related to work on aircraft project.