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# **SUMMARY OF FIRM QUALIFICATIONS**

### FIRM OVERVIEW

The attorneys of Edgar Law Firm LLC have a long and clear record of success in resolving litigation matters throughout the United States. The firm provides representation in a broad range of practice areas for individuals and both small and large business entities. Our success stems from one philosophy: provide the most efficient and swift means in order to resolve the client's litigation matters.

Edgar Law Firm represents businesses and consumers from coast to coast. Headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, the firm prosecutes cases for clients in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Dallas, Los Angeles or wherever they may be called upon to represent their clients' interests. With more than 100 years of combined trial experience, Edgar Law Firm's attorneys have extensive knowledge of business, commercial and class action law. They have proven courtroom skills in state and federal jurisdictions, and have tried and won high-stakes cases against many of the largest companies and law firms in the world.

Edgar Law Firm was founded by experienced trial attorneys devoted to providing clients the highest quality legal assistance. The firm believes that the best possible results for its clients are achieved by an aggressive path to trial. This tactic has proven itself time and time again.

Edgar Law Firm has a record of successful class action lawsuits nationwide, including significant settlements in consumer and defective product cases. The firm represents clients in all types of class action lawsuits, including securities fraud litigation as well as litigation tied to the recent economic crisis. Across its practice areas, Edgar Law Firm has obtained hundreds of millions of dollars in settlements and verdicts for clients.

The backgrounds of the attorneys in the firm are very diverse thereby providing a wide range of areas of practice. Several partners of Edgar Law Firm have spent most, if not all, of their legal career representing plaintiffs in class action lawsuits. These partners, for the most part, are involved in each of the Firm's class actions. The firm's lawyers have aggressively represented clients in class actions against some of the largest companies in the world, including, for example, Microsoft, Time Warner Cable, Chrysler, AT&T, Family Dollar Stores, Comcast, Bank of America, General Motors and FARO Technologies Inc.

## John F. Edgar

Of Counsel

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John F. Edgar is one of the founding partners of Edgar Law Firm LLC. The Firm was founded in 2002 to provide clients with the responsive, personal service they need in high-stakes, complex litigation.

Edgar is well known for his work in complex and class action litigation in courts throughout the country. Clients turn to Edgar counting on his courtroom skills in high-profile litigation where the last thing the client needs is a large law firm charging massive hourly rates.

For example, Edgar has served as plaintiffs' lead counsel in a multitude of successful, highly publicized class actions against some of the largest corporations in the world: Chrysler, General Motors, Microsoft, Bank of America, and British Petroleum, to name a few. In fact, one such case in which Edgar served as co-lead trial counsel, concluded after one of the longest jury trials in the history of the United States. Edgar has successfully prosecuted cases in the areas of commercial litigation, environmental, products liability class actions, securities class actions, employment class actions, antitrust class actions and consumer class actions.

Edgar began his practice in tobacco litigation and other mass torts including asbestos. As Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Missouri, his team assisted the Missouri Attorney General's office in recovering over \$6 billion dollars in its cost recovery lawsuit against various tobacco defendants. This successful experience resulted in Edgar serving as co-lead counsel in several class actions in the State of Nevada arising from tobacco smoke exposure, as well as environmental contamination cases across the country.

Edgar serves in key leadership roles throughout the legal and business communities and serves on the Board of Governors for the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys. He is a former Board member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association.

John F. Edgar was born in Kansas City, Missouri. He currently lives in Leawood, Kansas with his wife Keiko, and his three children Isabella, Emma, and Deya. Edgar enjoys spending time with his family and playing an occasional round of golf.

#### **Bar Admissions**

Missouri

Kansas

U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri

U.S. District Court, District of Kansas

U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit

## **Education**

Juris Doctorate, University of Missouri at Kansas City, 1996

Honors: AAJ National Trial Team Bachelor of Arts, University of Kansas, 1993

Majors: Communications/Public Speaking and Psychology

Kappa Sigma Social Fraternity

#### **Honors and Awards**

Martindale - Hubbell Rated AV Preeminent Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers Lawdragon 3000 Leading Lawyers in America Best of the Bar, Kansas City Business Journal

### **Professional Associations**

American Bar Association, Member
American Association for Justice, Member
Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. Member
Past President of the Young Lawyers Section
Past Board Member
Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys, Member
Board of Governors
Missouri Bar Association, Member
Kansas Bar Association, Member
Kansas Association for Justice, Member
Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, Member
Ross T. Roberts Inn of Court, Graduate

## Representative Cases

Consumer Attorneys of California

<u>Jayhawk Capital Management, LLC, et al. v. LSB Industries, Inc., et al.</u>, Case No. 08-2561-EFM, 2011 WL 1626581 (D. Kan., April 28, 2011).

Midland Pizza, LLC, et al. v. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Kansas, et al., Case No. 10-2219-CM-GLR, 2010 WL 4622191 (D. Kan., Nov. 5, 2010).

<u>Jayhawk Capital Management, LLC, et al. v. LSB Industries, Inc., et al., Case No. 08-2561-EFM, 2011 WL 3766371 (D. Kan., Nov. 10, 2009).</u>

Major Cadillac, Inc. v. General Motors Corporation, 280 S.W.3d 717 (Mo. App. 2009).

Major Cadillac, Inc., et al. v. General Motors Corporation, et al., Case No. 07-0868-CV-W-FJG, 2008 WL 482398 (W.D. Mo., Feb. 19, 2008).

In re Faro Technologies Securities Litigation, 534 F.Supp.2d 1248 (M.D. Fla. 2007).

Stubbs v. McDonald's Corporation, Case No. 04-2164-CM, 2005 WL 1958649 (D. Kan., Aug. 15, 2005).

City of Neodesha, Kansas, et al., v. BP Corporation North America, Inc., et al., 355 F.Supp.2d 1182 (D. Kan. 2005).

Muller, et al. v. American Management Association International, 315 F.Supp.2d 1136 (D. Kan. 2003).

Lawrence-Leiter and Company v. Paulson, et al., Case No. 96-2535-GTV, 1997 WL 383042 (D. Kan., June 24, 1997).

# Pro Bono Activities and Community Leadership

Civic Council of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City Tomorrow Class of 2001 Kansas City Symphony Society

# Michael D. ("Mike") Pospisil

Partner

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Mike Pospisil is a highly regarded attorney specializing in commercial litigation – especially complex matters, as well as class action litigation. He is a not only a seasoned trial attorney, representing clients across the country in both state and federal courts, but also has expertise in arbitration proceedings.

Before joining the Edgar Law Firm, Mike represented Fortune 500 plaintiff and defense clients at Bryan Cave. Mike has substantial experience in consumer class action litigation and complex litigation through his work defending H&R Block in courts throughout the country.

Most recently Mike served on the Edgar Law Firm team that successfully represented the redevelopers of Kansas City's President Hotel in a six week jury trial against a Cleveland-based law firm, Squire Sanders & Dempsey LLP. Edgar Law Firm negotiated a \$43 million settlement for their client.

In a recent fraud case against a major foam insulation manufacturer, Mike assisted in the negotiation of a settlement -- just before trial -- in excess of \$3 million dollars on behalf of the client.

Mike began his career as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable William M. Connolly of the Nebraska Supreme Court.

## **Education**

Juris Doctorate, with Distinction, University of Nebraska College of Law Member of Moot Court Bachelor of Arts, Economics, cum laude, Creighton University

### **Bar Admissions**

Missouri

Kansas

Nebraska

United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri

United States District Court for the District of Kansas

United States District Court for the District of Nebraska

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

United States Court of Appeals, 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit United States Court of Appeals, 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit

# **Community Leadership**

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church – Finance Committee Together Center – Former Board Member

# **Professional Associations**

American Bar Association – Member American Association for Justice (formerly ATLA) – Member Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association – Member Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys – Member John M. Edgar

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John M. Edgar is the Managing Partner of Edgar Law Firm LLC. He and his sons John F. and David W. Edgar founded the firm to provide businesses with the responsive, personal service they need in high stakes litigation. Their ability to move cases to court quickly and efficiently has resulted in numerous settlements and verdicts for their clients in the past six years. That success drives referrals from experienced litigators across the country.

Edgar has over 40 years of lead trial experience practicing in federal and state courts throughout the U.S. While he now practices exclusively on behalf of plaintiffs, he spent many years on the defense side of the courtroom. That valuable expertise helps him and his team quickly assess potential defensive actions, develop counter actions and implement winning strategies.

Edgar's leadership in the legal and civic communities is legendary. He served in a management role at Stinson Mag & Fizzell (now Stinson Morrison Hecker with 360 attorneys), later leaving to establish and become Managing Partner of the Kansas City office of Bryan Cave (currently 825 lawyers firm wide). He was responsible for the establishment of that office with two associates, but also for its growth to over one hundred lawyers in only seven years. He has also served as one of five partners on the Management Group of Bryan Cave with responsibilities for practice management world-wide and on the firm's Executive Committee. He was President of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, served as Chairman of the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City and was Founding Co-Chairman of the Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute. Additionally, he has served as Chairman or Executive Board member of virtually every major business and development organization in the region. His passion for the growth and development of the region is surpassed only by his commitment and dedication to his clients.

Edgar is known throughout the legal community, by former partners and from coast to coast as a go-to trial lawyer for high-stakes and bet-the-company cases — the legal solution to business disputes. He has been repeatedly recognized in *Super Lawyers* and "Best of the Bar." He has been the winning, lead trial lawyer on some of the areas most significant jury and court-tried disputes.

Most recently, Edgar represented the redevelopers of Kansas City's President Hotel in a lawsuit against a Cleveland based law firm, Squire Sanders & Dempsey LLP. Edgar Law Firm negotiated a \$43 million settlement for their client.

In **Sugar Creek v. Station Casinos**, Edgar Law Firm LLC asserted claims against the successful applicant for a license to operate a riverboat casino in Jackson County alleging the use of improper means to obtain its license including tortuous interference with business expectancies, fraudulent concealment and fraud by silence. A settlement was reached, and the Defendants paid our clients \$38 million.

Edgar is well known for his work and has special expertise in commercial litigation including commercial fraud, business torts, contract disputes, mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property, construction, labor & employment, antitrust, environmental, securities, real estate, shareholder disputes, regulatory disputes, class actions and consumer protection.

## **Bar Admissions**

Missouri Bar Association

#### Education

Kansas

Juris Doctorate with Distinction, University of Missouri at Kansas City Phi Alpha Delta Order of the Bench and Robe Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Major in Accounting, University of

## **Community Leadership**

Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City, Missouri

Board of Directors – 1996 – 2003

Chairman – 1999 – 2003

Chairman, Executive Committee – 2000 – 2003

Chairman, Development/Redevelopment Services Committee – 1996 – 1999

EDC Management Committee, Member – 1998 – 1999

Bylaws, Audit, Finance, Compensation, Funding & Loan Corp. Committee, Member 1996 – 1997

EDC Loan Corporation, Board of Directors – 1996 – 1997, 1999 – 2003

University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law Foundation

Board of Trustees – 1996 - Present

Secretary –2003

## Midwest Research Institute

Board of Trustees – 2000 – Present

Heart of America Council Boy Scouts of America

Executive Board – 2000 – Present

Executive Committee – 2000 – Present

## Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

Member - 1996 - 2003

Board of Directors – 2000 – 2003

Executive Committee – 2000 – 2003

## Federal Affairs Committee Member – 1996 – 2003

Civic Council of Greater Kansas City

Board of Directors - 2000 - 2001

Member – 1996 – 2001

Urban Core Committee – 1996 – 2001

## Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute

Founding Co-Chairman – 2000 – 2001

Board of Directors – 2000 – 2001

# Kansas City Area Development Council

Executive Committee – 1997 – 2003

Kansas City Area Development Council-Civic Council Life Sciences task Force,

Co-Chairman – 1998- 1999

### **Professional Associations**

American Bar Association – Member

American Board of Trial Advocates -- Member

American Association for Justice (formerly ATLA) -- Member

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

Board of Directors – 1996 – 2002

President – 2002

President-Elect - 2001

Vice President - 2000

Secretary – 1999

Chairman, Managing Partners Committee -- 1997

Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys -- Member

## Honors

Martindale-Hubbell AV rated

Listed in Super Lawyers and "Best of the Bar"