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PROFILE

Tony Rupp represents decision-makers.

His clients gather the key information, weigh the alternatives, determine the best course, and are not afraid to act. Tony is there for them when those decisions are challenged.

Tony is the partner-in-charge of the Kansas City office and a member of Foulston's litigation & employment practice group. He represents large and small businesses, hospitals, institutions of higher education, and municipalities. He defends attorneys, accountants, and physicians. Tony tries cases before juries, judges, and arbitrators. He argues appeals in state and federal courts.

Tony was recognized by Best Lawyers® as the 2020 Municipal Law "Lawyer of the Year," the 2018 Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year," the 2013, 2016, and 2019 Litigation – Municipal "Lawyer of the Year," and the 2017 Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants "Lawyer of the Year," all for Kansas City, Kansas. Tony is listed in *Chambers USA* as a leading general commercial litigation attorney in the United States and enjoys Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory's highest "AV" rating for lawyers. He was selected by his peers for inclusion in the *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*® list.

In 2008, the Johnson County Bar Association honored Tony as the third recipient of the Honorable Earl E. O'Connor Civility Award recognizing professionalism, honor, integrity, preparation, and advocacy.

Education

- Creighton University School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1983)
Creighton Law Review, Assistant Editor
- Creighton University (BA, *cum laude*, 1979)

Admissions

- Kansas (1983)
- Missouri (1989)
- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas (1983)

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri (1998)
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (2007)
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (1985)
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1992)

PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation & Disputes
- Healthcare
- Trade Secret & Noncompete Litigation
- Governmental Liability

INDUSTRIES

- Healthcare
- Government

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Prosecuted and defended corporations and executives in trade secrets cases in multiple jurisdictions.
- Defended class action lawsuits, including cases under state and federal antitrust laws.
- Represented corporations and individuals in fiduciary duty and other shareholder lawsuits.
- Defended doctors, attorneys, accountants and other professionals in litigation in Kansas and Missouri.
- Tried multiple jury and court trials in state and federal courts in Kansas and Missouri.
- Argued appeals in Kansas and Missouri and in the federal courts.
- Extensive experience in arbitration and mediation.
- Law clerk to the Hon. Dale Saffels, U.S. District Court, Kansas, 1983-85
- Polsinelli, P.C. (previously Shughart Thomson & Kilroy, P.C.) 1985-2013, elected as partner in 1990

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, AFFILIATIONS, AND HONORS

- Identified by *Chambers USA* as a leading lawyer in the United States for Litigation: General Commercial, 2007-2021
- Recognized by Best Lawyers® as the 2013, 2016, and 2019 Kansas City, Kansas, Litigation - Municipal "Lawyer of the Year;" 2017 Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants Kansas City, Kansas, "Lawyer of the Year;" 2018 Kansas City, Kansas, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year;" and 2020 Municipal Law Kansas City, Kansas, "Lawyer of the Year"
- Selected by peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the areas of Commercial Litigation,

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Litigation - Municipal, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, Municipal Law, and Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, 2007-2021

- Selected for inclusion in *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*[®] List, 2005-2018 (a Thomson Reuters business)
- American Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar
- Kansas Bar Association
- Kansas Bar Foundation Fellow
- Johnson County Bar Association, Charitable Foundation, Fellow; Charitable Foundation, Former Trustee; The Earl E. O'Connor Civility Award Recipient (2008)
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- Kansas Association of Defense Counsel, Former President; William Kahrs Distinguished Service Award (KADC's highest award)
- Defense Research Institute, Member; Former Kansas State Representative

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Overland Park Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, 1st Vice-Chair; Public Policy and Advocacy Committee, Chair

PRESENTATIONS

2020

- How to (Ethically) Improve Your Negotiating Style (Foulston Siefkin LLP, Corporate Counsel Series: Ethics 2020)

2015

- All the Ethics News That'll Fit in 50 Minutes (Foulston Siefkin LLP, Ethics Seminar for Corporate Counsel)
- Current Issues in Health Care Litigation (Foulston Siefkin LLP, Kansas City Health Law Institute)

PUBLICATIONS

2014

- Analyzing a Trade Secret Case in Kansas
-The Journal of the Kansas Bar Association

ISSUE ALERTS

2020

- Coronavirus: State of Missouri Issues Stay-at-Home Order