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PROFILE

Craig West is well known in the legal community as an attorney willing to try his cases. His practice emphasizes trial of lawsuits involving tort defense and professional malpractice, bringing more than 125 jury trials to verdict. Outside the courtroom, Craig has successfully concluded matters pursuant to mediation and binding arbitration.

Craig is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Kansas Bar Foundation. His peer memberships include the Kansas Association of Defense Counsel, the Defense Research Institute, and the International Association of Defense Counsel. *Benchmark Litigation* named Craig a “Future Star” in 2020. He was named by *Best Lawyers*® the 2016, 2021, and 2024 Wichita Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants “Lawyer of the Year,” and the 2020 and 2024 Wichita Insurance Law “Lawyer of the Year.” Craig enjoys Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory’s highest “AV” rating for lawyers, and has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® and the *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*® list.

Education

- Washburn University (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1987)
Washburn Law Journal, Comments Editor
- Kansas State University (B.S. in Accounting, 1984)

Admissions

- Kansas (1987)
- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas (1987)

PRACTICE AREAS

- Insurance Defense Litigation
- Litigation & Disputes
- Mediation/Dispute Resolution

INDUSTRIES

- Insurance

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, AFFILIATIONS, AND HONORS

- American College of Trial Lawyers Fellow
- Recognized by Best Lawyers® as the 2016, 2021, and 2024 Wichita Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants “Lawyer of the Year,” and the 2020 and 2024 Wichita Insurance Law “Lawyer of the Year”
- Selected by peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the areas of Insurance Law, Litigation – Insurance, and Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, 2003-2024
- Selected for inclusion in *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*® List, 2008-2023 (a Thomson Reuters business)
- Named a “Future Star” in the area of Dispute Resolution by Benchmark Litigation in 2013-2016 & 2018-2020
- Named a “Litigation Star” in the area of Dispute Resolution by Benchmark Litigation, 2021-2024
- Kansas Bar Association
- Wichita Bar Association
- Kansas Bar Foundation Fellow
- Kansas Association of Defense Counsel
- Defense Research Institute
- International Association of Defense Counsel