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PROFILE

Jake Schmidt is an associate with Foulston's litigation practice group in the firm's Kansas City office. He assists clients in a broad range of litigation matters, including insurance defense and commercial disputes.

In his business litigation practice, Jake brings an array of experience involving commercial disputes. He has first-chaired a commercial lease breach and eviction bench trial, which involved a complex dispute related to a purchase option, and assisted in a successfully compelling arbitration in a products liability and breach of contract case. Jake works to both defend and prosecute high-profile class actions lawsuits in Kansas federal court.

Jake received his J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law, where he graduated first in his class. During law school, Jake served as an Articles Editor for the *Kansas Law Review* and was a member of the Moot Court Council. Prior to joining Foulston, Jake served as a judicial law clerk for Hon. Eric F. Melgren at the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas in Wichita and a judicial extern for Hon. Holly L. Teeter at the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas in Topeka. Through these court positions, Jake earned a behind-the-scenes look into the operations and processes of the federal district court. He worked on cases at all stages, from the filing of a complaint to resolution by a jury trial. Jake left his clerkship having gained experience in a wide variety of different legal practice areas, including contract disputes, personal injury, and Constitutional and tort claims against municipalities and counties.

Outside the office, Jake enjoys spending time with his wife. They are both very active and enjoy spending weekends hiking and playing sand volleyball.

Education

- University of Kansas School of Law (J.D., 2021)
Order of the Coif; Articles Editor, *Kansas Law Review*, Vol. 69; In-House Moot Court Competition Semi-Finalist; Blackstone Legal Fellowship; CALI Excellence for the Future Awards: Securities Regulation, Trusts & Estates, Administrative Law, Civil Procedure, Lawyering I, Torts, Constitutional Law, E-Discovery, and Employment Discrimination Law
- University of Kansas (B.A. in Economics, *with highest distinction*, 2019)

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Admissions

- Kansas (2021)
- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas
- Missouri (2024)

PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation & Disputes

INDUSTRIES

- Insurance
- Government

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Lead trial attorney in a breach of commercial lease and eviction trial in Kansas state court that resulted in a verdict in favor of his client.
- Successfully compelled arbitration in favor of a multinational client in a products liability and breach of contract lawsuit in Kansas state court.
- Assisted non-profit organization with response to investigative consumer protection subpoena from Kansas Attorney General.
- Part of a team of Foulston lawyers both prosecuting and defending high-profile class action lawsuits in the United States District Court for the District of Kansas.
- Judicial Law Clerk, Hon. Eric F. Melgren, U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas, 2021-2023
- Judicial Extern, Hon. Holly L. Teeter, U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas, 2020

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, AFFILIATIONS, AND HONORS

- Kansas Bar Association
- Johnson County Bar Association
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Insight Women's Center, Board of Directors, 2018-2021

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

- Ellis Foundation, Student Mentor, 2017-2020
- Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics, Student Advisory Board, 2015-2017