

# Jerome T. Wolf

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## Overview

Jerry Wolf concentrates his efforts in complex civil and commercial litigation, with extensive experience in environmental, antitrust, intellectual property, franchise litigation, construction litigation and alternative dispute resolution.

Jerry previously chaired Dentons' US predecessor's initial firmwide marketing committee, which established its first logo and brand. He served as the founding managing partner of the Kansas City office, as a member of the Firm's Management Committee. He also chaired Dentons' US predecessor's Centennial Committee and co-chaired its Scholars Program, which provided stipends to first-year law students to work in public service. Jerry handles almost every kind of complex commercial litigation, including antitrust, environmental, contract, class action, construction and insurance coverage cases. In 2010, as lead trial counsel, he led a team that saved an inmate from the death penalty in Alabama.

## Recognition

### Honors and Awards

- "Top Rated Lawyer in Energy/Environmental," *The American Lawyer & Corporate Counsel*, 2013
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, *KC Counselor*, November 2011
- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - 2012 Kansas City, MO Lawyer of the Year - Litigation - Environmental
  - 2016 for Kansas City, MO Lawyer of the Year - Litigation - Antitrust
  - Commercial Litigation (2010 - present)
  - Litigation - Antitrust (2011 - present)
  - Litigation - Construction (2011 - present)

- Litigation - Environmental (2011 - present)
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* , leading lawyers in Missouri, since its initiation
- *Missouri Super Lawyers*
- *Benchmark Litigation*, recognized as "Litigation Star" in Missouri for antitrust, construction, environment, general commercial and intellectual property areas, 2013-2016
- *Lawdragon 500*, "Leading Litigators in America"
- 2009 Legacy Award, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Foundation

## In the Media

- Contributed to award-winning videos produced by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Foundation, promoting its members' pro bono efforts on behalf of military personnel, veterans and families.
  - KCMBF Military Matters
  - KCMBF Military Matters 2

## Insights

- Author, "Mental Retardation and the Death Penalty: A Surprising Uncertainty in the Kenneth Glenn Thomas Case," *Criminal Law Bulletin*, Volume 48, Number 3, May – June 2012
- "An 'Archetype' of a Lawyer and Person—Profile: Jerry Wolf, Partner, SNR Denton," *The Business Journal*, Vol. 23, No. 9, November 5 – 11, 2004
- "The Early Assessment Program: A Unique Opportunity to Avoid Cost and Delay," *Journal of the Missouri Bar*, March – April 1995
- "Trial: Closing Argument - For Defendant," *Missouri Products Liability Handbook*, Chapter 34(b), Continuing Legal Education, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, 1995
- "Environmental Audits and Their Uses in Liability Defense and Allocation, Corporate Decision Making, and Environmental Compliance," *The Corporate Analyst*, Vol. 2, Business Laws, Inc., November 1989

## Activities and Affiliations

### Community Involvement and Pro Bono

### Presentations

Jerry has lectured at numerous seminars for the Missouri Bar and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association on trial practice and alternative dispute resolution. He also was a lecturer at numerous seminars on environmental law and alternative dispute resolution, including for Risk Management Technologies, Inc., Superfund Information Network, at the ABA Environmental Conference in Keystone, CO, and the Environmental Enforcement Committee of the Litigation Section meeting in Steamboat Springs, CO.

His other presentations include:

- Lecturer, "Sharing the Financial Costs of a Dispute: Final Cost Allocation Strategies," *Center For Public Resources Practice Guide on Multiparty Cooperation*, Part 3, Key Issues in Cooperative Defense, Chapter

8. Northwestern University Corporation Counsel Institute, 1989

- Presenter, "Environmental Law: Identifying, Limiting and Avoiding Liability," Northwestern University School of Law 28th Annual Corporate Counsel Institute in Chicago and San Francisco, Fall 1989

## Memberships

- Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America (LCA), The Trial Lawyer Honorary Society, 2014
- Member, Center for Public Resources, National Commission to Study Arbitration Procedures
- Chairman, Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990 Advisory Group, 1991, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri; chaired an effort to design the "Early Assessment Program" for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri, the most comprehensive and unique court-annexed alternative dispute resolution program in the country (see August 1994 ABA Journal, p. 28) and to propose new local rules
- Past president, Kansas City Bar Association.
- Founding president, Kansas City Bar Foundation
- Founder, with the chief judge of the Federal District Court for the Western District of Missouri, of the Federal Court Advocates, the first bar section joining Missouri and Kansas federal court practitioners in one organization, 2009
- Chairman and Creator of the first Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association Civility Summit - 2012
- Member, American Law Institute
- Twice Chairman of Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee of Kansas City
- Past President and Association of Yale Alumni representative Yale Club of Kansas City

## Prior and Present Employment

Before joining Dentons as the founding managing partner of the Kansas City office, Jerry previously practiced law with Spencer Fane Britt and Browne, and held positions with Spencer Fane as one of its managing partners, chairman of the Litigation group, and Litigation chair.

Jerry was an officer in the US Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, defending general courts martial and representing the federal government with respect to government contracts.

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Arbitration
- Competition and Antitrust
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution

### Industry sectors

- Automotive

- Communications
- Construction
- Energy
- Manufacturing
- Technology

## Education

- Harvard Law School, JD
- Yale University, BA, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

## Admissions and qualifications

- Kansas
- Missouri
- US Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- US Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- US District Court for the District of Kansas
- US District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- US Supreme Court