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CHRISTMAS!

Warmest wishes to you and your family
this holiday season.

Democracy Prevailed.

Union voters delivered this election for Biden and Harris. Their message and commitment to create “the most significant pro-labor, pro-worker administration” resonated with AFL-CIO’s 12.5 million members and 56 affiliated unions who are hungry for a bigger voice in our economy and our politics.

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Robert Sauls Re-Elected to 21st District

Robert, an attorney with the firm was elected to the Missouri Houses State Representatives for the 21st District (D) in 2018. He serves on the Judiciary Committee, Veterans Committee, Policy Committee.

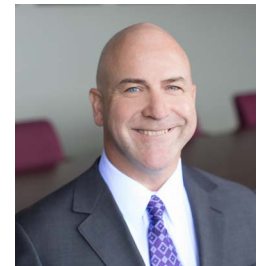


Legal Thought Leadership



Attorney Jeff Carey presented at the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys annual convention in August. The presentation featured bankruptcy law and focused on how to best protect consumers rights during a bankruptcy proceeding.

Early this fall, firm attorneys Jason Iezzi and Ray Salva served on a virtual workers’ compensation panel and the Missouri Bar Association’s Small and Solo Conference.



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Jackson County Executive and former Kansas City Royal Frank White appointed partner John B. Boyd to serve as Chairman of the Board of Equalization who was sworn in on October 29, 2020.

This is a part-time position and because of the inordinate number of property tax reassessment appeals for 2019, the backlog of cases was immense. John's mission is to conduct these hearings so that Jackson County taxpayers obtain a speedy resolution of their long-standing appeals by the end of the year.

Less than three weeks after Gov. Mike Parson asked the Missouri Legislature to consider COVID-19 liability protections during the ongoing extraordinary session, the Republican chief executive reversed course.

Parson has asked Senate leadership to remove the COVID liability protection bill from the special session called to appropriate federal coronavirus relief funds.



Senate Bill One purports to modify provisions of Missouri statute related to civil actions in three areas: (1) liability of health care providers during a state of emergency, (2) products liability, and (3) premises liability.

Attorney Ray Salva testified on behalf of the firm's union clients, IAFF Local 42 and UFCW Local 2 and urged the Committee to consider the individual workers and their families who would be affected by this legislation. Most Covid-19 related cases that we handle involve individuals contracting the virus at work, then potentially carrying it back home to their families.

Under the Bill, those family members who contract the virus and get sick or die, would essentially be barred from suit against the employer. As to Local 42 firefighters, they are covered under workers' compensation for Covid-19 infections because the Governor issued an Executive Order earlier this year stating that all first responders with Covid-19 are presumed to have contracted it at work.

The Executive Order expires in March, so he urged the Committee codify and make permanent the Governor's Order.

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