

Biography



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David Simmons is a partner with UB Greensfelder and an accomplished litigator known for providing practical, business-focused counsel that aligns legal strategy with clients' operational goals and budget considerations. With more than two decades of experience, David represents corporations, financial institutions, trust companies, trustees, and investment professionals in a wide range of complex litigation and dispute resolution matters. His practice includes fiduciary and trust disputes, securities arbitration and litigation, franchise litigation, antitrust matters, class actions, and other complex commercial litigation.

Clients value David's straightforward approach and ability to navigate high-stakes disputes with clarity and efficiency. He has extensive experience representing trust companies and banks in state and federal courts on matters involving trust interpretation, administration, and fiduciary obligations. His fiduciary litigation practice includes cases involving breach of trust claims, trustee removal and resignation, approval of fiduciary accounts, and allegations of undue influence.

David also regularly represents broker-dealers, financial institutions and investment professionals in proceedings before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), as well as in state and federal courts. His experience provides valuable insight into the fiduciary, regulatory, and litigation risks that can affect advisors, trustees, and financial institutions.

In addition, David is highly regarded for his work in the franchising and distribution sector, where he advises clients on franchise relationship disputes, restrictive covenant enforcement, trade secret protection, and regulatory compliance matters. He also counsels clients on electronic discovery and information management, overseeing large-scale eDiscovery projects in complex litigation and arbitration proceedings.

An active leader in the legal and civic communities, David has served as a Fellow of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity and has supported numerous professional and community organizations through volunteerism and mentorship, including the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis Motion for Kids, Leadership St. Louis, and Land of Lincoln Legal Aid. His work has been recognized through numerous honors, including selection to *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Franchise Law and the President's Award from the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

David earned his J.D. from Washington University School of Law and his B.A. from the University of Missouri-Columbia.