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## **PRACTICE AREAS**

Employment & Labor

Employment Litigation

Counseling & Policy  
Development

Litigation

Construction Law

Government Relations

## **COURT MEMBERSHIPS**

- Missouri
- Kansas
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri

# **Rebecca "Beckie" S. Yocum**

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Beckie Yocum is an experienced litigator who has successfully defended clients in state and federal courts across the country. She concentrates her litigation practice in the areas of labor and employment, business, real estate, construction and municipal law. Beckie is an effective advocate for her clients in all aspects of the litigation process.

## **Representative Experience**

### ***Employment Litigation***

- Obtained a jury defense verdict for an employer in a MHRA age discrimination and retaliation case.
- Achieved a defense verdict for an employer in a sex discrimination and Equal Pay Act jury trial.
- Successfully obtained summary judgment for an employer in an Americans with Disabilities Act case.

### ***Business and Municipal Litigation***

- Obtained summary judgment on a \$16 million insurance claim brought by the FDIC on a financial institution crime bond.
- Achieved a jury defense verdict for client on claims arising from the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act.
- Achieved jury defense verdict for bank client on various tort claims.
- Obtained jury defense verdict for property manager on negligence claims.
- Received dismissal of constitutional claims relating to a City's gun control ordinances.
- Received directed verdict at close of all evidence on claim of fraud against multiple appraisal clients.



- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

## EDUCATION

University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 1983

Missouri Southern State College, BSBA, 1979

- Obtained dismissal of a class action against a bank client in Cook County, Illinois. Plaintiffs alleged the client had violated the Illinois Interest Act. The Illinois Court of Appeals affirmed the dismissal.
- Achieved dismissal of federal and state claims against a City for alleged violations of the Federal Clean Water Act and other regulations and statutes.
- Obtained summary judgment on numerous tort claims brought against two bank loan officers.
- Obtained dismissal of federal constitutional claims and state claims against a City relating to zoning and development issues.
- Obtained dismissal of a class action complaint making federal usury and anti-tying claims against client bank.

## Events

- Employment & Labor Law Seminar - Kansas City Area  
April 12, 2022
- 2018 Labor & Employment Executive Briefing  
November 15, 2018

## Client Alerts And Blog Posts

- U.S. DOL Issues Final Independent Contractor Rule  
January 29, 2024
- NLRB New Joint-Employer Standard Scheduled to Take Effect on 2/26/2024  
December 20, 2023
- Supreme Court Finds Highly Compensated Supervisor Entitled to Overtime Pay Under the FLSA  
March 22, 2023
- SCOTUS Expands FAA Exemption for Transportation Workers  
July 18, 2022
- EEOC Recognizes "Long COVID" May Be a Disability Under the ADA  
September 30, 2021
- OSHA Updates Guidance on Reporting Work-Related Cases of the Coronavirus  
October 30, 2020
- Supreme Court Broadens Ministerial Exception to Nondiscrimination Laws for Religious Employers  
July 10, 2020

## News Releases

- Eight Lathrop GPM Attorneys Named Lawyer of the Year, 89 Ranked as The Best Lawyers in America©  
August 17, 2023
- Six Lathrop GPM Attorneys Named Lawyer of the Year, 95 Ranked as The Best Lawyers in America©  
August 18, 2022
- Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers Recognizes 30 Lathrop GPM Attorneys  
November 16, 2021
- Seven Lathrop GPM Attorneys Named Lawyer of the Year, 100 Ranked as The Best Lawyers in America©  
August 19, 2021
- Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers Recognizes 34 Lathrop GPM Attorneys  
November 16, 2020
- Lathrop GPM Attorneys Named to The Best Lawyers in America©, Lawyer of the Year, and Ones to Watch for 2021  
August 20, 2020
- Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers Recognizes 42 Lathrop Gage Attorneys  
November 13, 2019
- Best Lawyers in America 2020 Names 72 Lathrop Gage Attorneys; 13 Lawyers of the Year  
August 15, 2019
- Super Lawyers Recognizes 47 Lathrop Gage Attorneys in Missouri and Kansas  
November 14, 2018
- Best Lawyers in America Recognizes 70 Lathrop Gage Attorneys  
August 15, 2018
- Rebecca Yocum Joins Lathrop Gage in Kansas City Office  
January 23, 2018

## Professional Affiliations

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

## Honors

- University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law, Decade Award
- Selected among *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2011-2024
- *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*, 2011-2021