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Justin Assouad is a litigator who defends attorneys and law firms in malpractice actions and related proceedings. He has also successfully defended educational, religious, and youth-serving organizations in tort claims brought against them, including sexual misconduct claims.

In addition, he works with insurance providers on insurance coverage litigation and the defense of cases involving personal injury, including appeals.

Clients have praised his ability to distill complex and often daunting legal issues into simple, easy-to-understand terms. It is this approach of practical, “real world” solutions to legal problems that guides his advice to clients.

Practices:

- Appellate
- First-Party Coverage
- Insurance Fraud Investigation
- Insurance Services
- Legal Malpractice
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability
- School & Education
- Sexual Abuse & Misconduct
- Third-Party Coverage

Education:

- University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, J.D., 1999
- University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A. in Philosophy, 1996

Bar Admissions:

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit
- U.S. District Courts for the
    - Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri

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Results

- *DJ, by and through his next friend RJ, vs. First Student, Inc.* (Mo. banc 2025) (Slip Op. February 28, 2025) Cause No. SC100702.
- *Jane Doe 119 v. Archdiocese of St. Louis, Archbishop Robert J. Carlson and Fr. Xiu Hui,* Circuit Court of Lincoln County, Missouri, Cause No. 13L6-CC00092
- *Bradley Burgan, et al v. Kenneth D. Newman,* 626 S.W.3d 883 (Mo. App. 2021)
- *State ex rel. Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America and Boy Scouts of America v. McKenzie,* 484 S.W.3d 320 (Mo. banc 2016)
- *State ex rel. Marianist Province of the United States v. Ross,* 258 S.W.3d 809 (Mo. banc 2008)
- *Christopher Wimmer v. Marianist Province of the United States, Father Martin Solma, and Chaminade College Preparatory, Inc.*, 519 S.W.3d 443 (Mo. App. 2016)
- *Mary Doe Nine v. Wentzville R-IV School District and Michael D. Williams,* 2011 WL 3665368 (E.D. Mo. 2012)
- *Hamid Hosseini, M.D. v. Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard, P.C. et al.,* Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri, Cause No. 06CC-002866

Honors & Awards

- AV Preeminent® Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell
- Best Lawyers of America (2024-2027)
- Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers (2016-2017; 2025)

Professional Associations

- Defense Research Institute
- Illinois Bar Association
- Missouri Bar
- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers