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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.

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

PRACTICES

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

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

- *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

Honors & Awards

- AV Preeminent® Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell
- Best Lawyers of America (2024-2026)
- Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyer (2016-2017)

Professional Associations

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

Insights

Publications

- *The Voice* (DRI Legislative Subcommittee for Missouri) (2010)
- "The Demise of Contributory Negligence in Professional Liability Cases," *DRI Quarterly Newsletter* (June 2011) (Co-author)

EDUCATION

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

Blog Posts

OCTOBER 22, 2025 | BLOG

Title IX Complaints Decline After Supreme Court's 2022 Ruling on Emotional Distress Damages

AUGUST 1, 2023 | BLOG

Are Legal Malpractice Actions Assignable? The Majority of Jurisdictions Still Say No

SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 | BLOG

Are Arbitration Clauses in Attorney Engagement Letters Enforceable?

NOVEMBER 19, 2019 | BLOG

Putting Your Legal Malpractice Carrier on Notice of a Potential Claim: Must a Missouri Lawyer "Foresee" Changes in the Law?

FEBRUARY 13, 2018 | BLOG

What's in a Name? Missouri's Constitutional Prohibition Against Negligence-Based Claims Arising out of Alleged Sexual Misconduct of Clergy: Who Exactly Qualifies as Clergy?

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