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BIOGRAPHY

Sam Hofmeier assists clients through all phases of litigation, with an emphasis on legal strategy, motion practice, trial preparation, and appeals. He has represented clients in state and federal courts across the country, including in multidistrict litigation. Though he focuses his trial and appellate practice on product-liability, mass-tort, and class-action defense, he has handled appeals in a variety of other contexts—including breach of contract, civil procedure, tax, constitutional law, international law, regulatory and administrative law, environmental law, and banking law.

Sam is particularly adept at providing legal and strategic advice before, during, and after trial. He has led briefing and appellate-preservation teams in high-value cases in jurisdictions across the country. He has a proven track record of success—helping clients defeat multi-million-dollar claims in some of the toughest venues in America. Sam also has helped clients eliminate billions of dollars in compensatory and punitive damages after trial.

Sam's extensive appellate practice includes appeals in numerous federal and state appellate courts, including in Kansas, Missouri, California, New York, Illinois, and multiple United States Courts of Appeals. He has personally argued appeals in both state and federal courts.

Sam also has an active pro bono practice. In particular, he has helped veterans in Kansas City navigate the complex legal system, and he led a BCLP team that reunited a German mother with her child who had been wrongfully retained in the United States for more than a year.

Prior to joining BCLP, Sam attended the University of Kansas and the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. Sam graduated first in his class in law school and was a member of the Order of the Coif and the Order of Barristers. He then clerked for the Honorable Michael S. Kanne of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

CLERKSHIPS

Clerkship, Honorable Michael S. Kanne, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 2016-2017

ADMISSIONS

- Kansas, 2018
- Missouri, 2016
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Tenth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, District of Kansas

EDUCATION

Indiana University, J.D., Order of the Coif, summa cum laude, 2016

University of Kansas, B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, 2013

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Class Actions & Mass Torts
- Employment & Labor
- Investigations
- Regulation, Compliance & Advisory

- Employment Class & Collective Actions
- Financial Services
- Consumer Fraud
- Insurance (Class Actions)
- Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices (Class Actions)
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Class Actions
- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Cross-border Employment Issues
- Appellate

EXPERIENCE

- Defended large agricultural company in cases alleging that a popular herbicide caused cancer in multiple trials in Missouri, California, and Illinois resulting in defense verdicts
- Drafted post-trial and appellate briefs in cases alleging that a popular herbicide caused cancer resulting in the elimination of a total of nearly \$3 billion in punitive damages
- Briefed and argued appeal in the Seventh Circuit successfully defending judgment in Hague Convention case reuniting a German mother with her child after a year-long wrongful retention in the United States
- Briefed and argued appeal in the Eighth Circuit successfully defending government officials against constitutional claims related to a subpoena seeking information about misleading statements about an alleged cure for COVID-19
- Briefed and argued appeal in Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District for national bank defending against fraudulent and negligent misrepresentation claims in connection with an international wire transfer
- Briefed appeal in Fifth Circuit for large insurance company in interpleader action
- Briefed appeal in California on behalf of university client in regulatory and administrative case regarding accreditation
- Briefed appeal for large agricultural company in Arkansas appellate courts successfully invalidating state statute on grounds that statute unconstitutionally delegated the power of appointment to private parties

- Drafted writ petition and related briefing in Missouri Supreme Court in important case involving Missouri's venue statute resulting in issuance of writ in client's favor
- Briefed appeal in the Seventh Circuit for leading mortgage lender successfully confirming a judicial sale of commercial property following a foreclosure sale
- Briefed appeal in the Kansas Supreme Court for large retail corporation in tax appeal
- Briefed appeal in the Kansas Court of Appeals for large retail corporation in personal injury action related to administration of the COVID-19 vaccine resulting in victory for client and dismissal of underlying lawsuit
- Briefed appeal in New York for business client successfully defending the denial of opposing parties' motion to dismiss
- Drafted amicus brief in the Sixth Circuit on behalf of multiple amici in appeal related to environmental contamination claims and class-action procedure
- Drafted amicus brief in Tenth Circuit on behalf of leading biotechnology organizations in multi-district litigation concerning popular biologic drug

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Seventh Circuit Weighs in on Circuit Split and Concludes that Courts Cannot Grant Rule 12(b)(6) Motions to Dismiss Solely Because They are Unopposed

In *Marcure v. Lynn*, --- F.3d ---, 2021 WL 1138110 (Mar. 25, 2021), the Seventh Circuit joined six of its sister circuits (and split from two others) in concluding that Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) prevents courts from granting unopposed motions to dismiss solely because no response has been filed.

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