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**Admissions**

Missouri  
Illinois

**Practice Areas**

Class Action  
Product Liability  
Professional Liability  
Environmental Litigation

**Education**

Washington University, '98  
Georgetown University, '92

**Associations/Affiliations**

American Bar Association  
Bar. Assoc. of Metro. St. Louis  
Missouri Bar Association  
Illinois Bar Association

Michael Downey practices civil litigation with an emphasis on commercial, class action, and environmental matters. Some of his accomplishments are:

- Securing dismissal of all claims against an abrasives distributor shortly after it was served in a forty-five party CERCLA contribution case;
- Obtaining dismissal of consumer fraud and medical monitoring claims in a putative class action filed against an international pharmaceutical company in Madison County, Illinois; and
- Supervising settlement, notice, and claims for a nationwide consumer class with millions of members after obtaining dismissal of several claims against his power-tool manufacturer client.

Mike also devotes considerable time to writing, speaking and advising on ethics and regulation primarily for the accounting and legal professions. His experience in professional ethics and regulation includes:

- Convincing the Missouri Division of Professional Regulation to close its investigation of a certified public accountant accused of disclosing confidential client information;
- Advising lawyers on ethical matters including reporting misconduct, handling conflicts, and the forming law-related businesses;
- Teaching legal ethics as an adjunct professor at Washington University School of Law.
- Preparing ethics advisory opinions for the Illinois State Bar Association; and
- Serving on Missouri Bar committees to recommend changes to the Rules of Professional Conduct governing advertising and in response to the ABA Ethics 2000 Commission's proposal.

A former law clerk for the Honorable Pasco M. Bowman, II, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, Mike is also an experienced appellate advocate. His appellate work includes:

- Successfully arguing a prisoner's habeas case before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit; and
- Arguing an extraordinary writ case before the Missouri Supreme Court.

Mike graduated first in his class from Washington University School of Law, where he was Executive Articles Editor of the Washington University Law Quarterly. He is licensed to practice in Missouri and Illinois and is admitted before

the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh and Eighth Circuits and the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri and the Central and Southern Districts of Illinois.

