

## FROM CRISIS TO THE COURTROOM



St. Louis lawyer John Galvin reads about the recent hurricanes and the Las Vegas shooting from his office overlooking the Gateway Arch. Six months ago, he would have had a different vantage point, responding to such disasters to assist people in times of crisis. He recently returned to his litigation practice after spending a year working full-time in disaster relief, "You look at the news differently when you know you could be getting on a plane the next day."

His deployments have taken him to some exotic places, "I guess Iraq was the most interesting location. We worked with victims of ISIS and, at one point, were only around 20 kilometers from Mosul while it was held by the terrorist group." Closer to home, Galvin has responded to a deadly tornado in Harrisburg, Illinois, floods in Fenton, Missouri and civil unrest in Ferguson. "We've still got a presence in Ferguson, with a group that goes out every Saturday morning doing outreach in the neighborhood. I've helped with the organization and training, but the people who show up every week are doing the real work."

He has now returned to the law firm he founded, Fox Galvin, to re-start his complex litigation practice, defending companies like Shell Oil Company and Bayer Pharmaceuticals in product liability, commercial and environmental matters. In his 30 years of practice, he has worked on cases across the country, although much of his work is in St. Louis and Southern Illinois. In addition to preparing and trying high stakes cases, he plans to use his experience to help others resolve cases through mediation, and to counsel parties involved in challenging litigation matters through a new practice group, Complex Litigation Solutions. "It's exciting to get back into the practice and to try to expand into something new. I've jumped back into some commercial litigation cases, and I've already been retained as an arbitrator in a nationwide class action against an auto manufacturer."

Fox Galvin's lawyers have a wide variety of experience in litigation matters, ranging from nationwide pharmaceutical litigation to local vehicle accidents. You can find more information about the firm at

[www.foxgalvin.com](http://www.foxgalvin.com). Complex Litigation Solutions is a new venture of the firm, providing mediation and arbitration services, as well as guidance for clients who find themselves embroiled in difficult litigation matters.

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