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David earned his Juris Doctorate from the Washburn University School of Law, after which he began his legal career as an Assistant Kansas Attorney General.

With a history in jury and non-jury trials, and administrative hearings, he brings his extensive experience to clients as a member of Hinkle Law Firm.

AFFILIATIONS

- Best Lawyers
  — 2007 - Present (Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense: White Collar, Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law)
  — 2024 - Present (Bet-the-Company Litigation)
- Best Lawyers 'Lawyer of the Year'
  — 2012, 2025 (Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law)
  — 2020, 2024 (Appellate Practice)
  — 2021, 2024 (Criminal Defense: White Collar)
- Chambers USA
  — 2012 - Present (Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations; Mediators Spotlight)
  — 2025 (Litigation mediators, Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations- Band 1)

PRACTICE AREAS

› Civil Litigation
› Construction Law
› Criminal Defense
› Eminent Domain & Land Valuation Litigation
› Employment law & Litigation
› Government Investigations & White Collar Crime
› Land Use Planning & Litigation
› Professional Malpractice Litigation (Professional Licensing Administrative Proceedings and Litigation)

EDUCATION

› Washburn University School of Law, J.D., 1975
› Wichita State University, B.A., 1970

BAR ADMISSIONS

› Kansas Supreme Court
› Texas Supreme Court
› United States District Court, District of Kansas
› United States District Court, Western District of Missouri
› United States Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit
› United States Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit
› United States Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
› United States Supreme Court

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— 2026 (Litigation mediators, Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations- Band 1)
- Kansas Bar Association
- Kansas Judicial Council Civil Code Advisory Committee (Past Member)
- Litigation Council of America
- Martindale-Hubbell
  — 2025 AV Preeminent Attorney
  — 2025 Judicial Edition AV Preeminent Attorney
- Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers
  — 2006 - Present
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Retired Colonel, Special Forces, U.S. Army Reserves
- State Bar of Texas
- Wichita Bar Association
  — Board of Governors (past member)
  — Committees: Ethics and Grievance (Past Chairman), Alternative Dispute Resolution (past chairman), Criminal Law (past member), Medical Legal (past chairman)

PUBLICATIONS

- Law and Procedure of Eminent Domain in the Fifty States. Kansas Chapter, ABA Litigation Section. Co-author.

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

- Eminent Domain.
- Seven Deadly Sins or the Seven Most Common Types of Ethical Violations Resulting in Complaints Against Criminal Law Practitioners.
- Ethics in Construction Law Litigation.
- Professional Responsibility in Representing Society's Pariahs.
- Conflicts of Interest: Recognizing Them. Avoiding Them. And What To Do When They Occur.
- Professional Responsibility in the Areas of State and Federal Issues in Criminal Law.
- Professional Responsibility Issues for the Trial Lawyer.
- If You Do the Crime, I Do the Time.

SIGNIFICANT CASES

- City of Wichita v. Kenneth D. Denton & Clear Channel Outdoors Inc. Kansas Supreme Court, 294 P.3d 207 (2007)
- City of Wichita v. Sealpak Co.,112 P.3d 125 (2005).
- U.S. v. Nolan, 199 F.3d 1180, 2000 Daily Journal D.A.R. 38 (10th Cir. (Kan.), Dec. 22 1999).
- Heinrichs v. Peoples Bank, 26 Kan.App.2d 582, 992 P.2d 1241, 41 UCC Rep.Serv.2d 894 (Kan. App., March 19, 1999).
- Joshua W. v. Board of Educ. of Wichita Public Schools U.S.D. 259, 13 F.Supp.2d 1199, 129 Ed. Law Rep. 335 (D. Kan., Aug. 07, 1998).
- Diepenbrock v. Board of Educ. U.S.D. 259, 1994 WL 613421 (D. Kan. Oct. 04, 1994).
- Alexander v. U.S.D. 259, Sedgwick County, State of Kan., 1993 WL

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- Jantz v. Muci, 976 F.2d 623, 61 USLW 2209, 62 Fair Empl.Pract.Cas. (BNA) 1633, 60 Empl. Prac. Dec. P 41,816, 77 Ed. Law Rep. 1127 (10th Cir. (Kan.), Oct. 09, 1992).
- Thompson v. U.S.D. 259, Wichita, 16 Kan.App.2d 42, 819 P.2d 1236, 71 Ed. Law Rep. 281 (Kan. App., Aug. 02, 1991).
- U.S. v. Goad, 739 F.Supp. 1459 (D. Kan., June 26 1990).

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