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OVERVIEW

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Mr. Herd's practice is primarily focused on business transactions representing both individuals and businesses in connection with their day to day operations and legal needs. He also assists in their acquisitions, sales, financing, and leasing needs of commercial, industrial, multiple-family, agricultural and residential real estate. His agricultural real estate experience encompasses the oil and gas industry advising and representing owners, investors, developers, operators and suppliers to the industry. His experience in this area resulted in him being appointed to serve on the Federal Court Commission for a case involving a large gas storage field condemnation proceeding in 2015.

His business transaction practice includes a main focus in the aircraft industry. With more than 25 years experience the aviation field, Mike devotes a substantial portion of his practice to aviation transactional matters. He represents local, national, international clients in connection with the purchase, sale, leasing, and financing of large and mid-size business jet aircraft and helicopters under Part 91 operations. Many of Mike's aviation clients are international. He advises and assists them on the purchase and sale transactions while guiding the parties to the appropriate business structures for compliance with Federal Aviation Regulations. In additions to buyers and sellers of aircraft, he advises and represents aviation brokers, dealers, management companies, lenders and fixed based operators. Although most of his international clients seek FAA registrations, he has been engaged in many cross-border transactions with registration of aircraft in foreign jurisdictions. He is also a member of NBAA.

Mike is a lifelong Kansas resident and fourth-generation attorney

PRACTICE AREAS

- Aviation & Aerospace
- Business & Corporate Law
- Corporate Law
- Education Law
- General Business and Entity Formation
- Land Use Planning & Litigation
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Oil & Gas
- Real Estate

EDUCATION

- Washburn University School of Law, J.D., 1982
- Westminster College, B.A., Political Science and ›History, 1979

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Kansas Supreme Court
- United States District Court, District of ›Kansas
- United States Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit

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originating from Coldwater. He is the great-grandson of Dick H. Rich (admitted 1903); grandson of Horace H. Rich (admitted 1921); and son of former Kansas Supreme Court Justice and former Kansas State Senator Harold S. Herd (admitted 1946). Mike has embraced their legacy in devoting his career toward the advancement of his profession and serving the community while delivering high-quality legal services to his clients.

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AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
  — Section: Real Property, Probate and Trust
- Best Lawyers
  — 2020 - Present (Real Estate Law)
  — 2021 - Present (Corporate Law)
- Best Lawyers: Lawyer of the Year
  - 2026- Corporate Law
- Chambers and Partners - Real Estate
- Kansas Bar Association
  — Section: Real Property, Probate and Trust
- Kansas Bar Foundation Fellow
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Kansas Chapter
  — Past National Board Representative
  — Past Board of Trustees, member
  — Past President
  — Past Vice-President
- NBAA Member
- Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association
- Wichita Bar Association
  — President (2008 - 2009)
  — Past President-elect
  — Past Board of Governors member
  — Committees: Fee Disputes, Ethics, Service to Bar (past chairman), Building
  — Board of Trustees (past board member)
- Wichita Bar Foundation, trustee
- Wichita Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, board member
- Wichita State University, former adjunct professor (teaching property law)

PUBLICATIONS

- Mike frequently lectures at professional affiliation seminars on real estate, ethics and related matters.

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