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OVERVIEW

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A substantial portion of Scott's practice involves direct client representation of manufacturers and distributors of consumer products and industrial machinery on a national basis. Scott has represented corporate clients in more than 35 states. He also counsels his manufacturing clients regarding claims handling and risk management.

Scott has vast mediation, arbitration, and trial experience. He has successfully obtained defense verdicts for his clients in cases involving substantial property damage, catastrophic personal injury, and wrongful death. Scott was trial counsel in the successful defense of Weider Nutrition International, Inc., in *Garrett v. Weider*. This product liability case involved a dietary supplement manufactured by Weider known as "Ripped Force," which contained ephedra. *Garrett* was only the second case involving the manufacture of a dietary supplement containing ephedra to reach trial in the United States and the first successful verdict for a manufacturer of such a product.

Scott is a member of the Wichita, Kansas, and American Bar Associations, as well as a member of the Defense Research Institute and ALFA.

PRACTICE AREAS

- › Civil Litigation
- › Civil Rights Defense of Governmental Entities
- › Commercial & Complex Litigation
- › Insurance Defense
- › Personal Injury Litigation
- › Product Liability
- › Transportation & Motor Carrier Litigation
- › Trust and Estate Litigation

EDUCATION

- › University of Kansas School of Law, J.D., 1993
- › Oklahoma State University, B.S., Political Science, 1990

BAR ADMISSIONS

- › Kansas Supreme Court
- › United States Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit
- › United States Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit
- › United States District Court, District of Arizona
- › United States District Court, District of Kansas
- › United States District Court, District of Wisconsin

AFFILIATIONS

- ALFA International Product Liability Steering Committee
- American Bar Association
- Best Lawyers
 - 2023 - Present (Commercial Litigation)
 - 2025 - present (Product Liability Litigation - Defendants)
- Defense Research Institute
- Kansas Association of Defense Counsel
- Kansas Bar Association
- Kansas Bar Foundation, fellow
- Wichita Bar Association



PRESENTATIONS

Scott is a regular presenter on product liability, construction defects, and other complex litigation. Below are a few highlighted presentations:

- Negotiating and Overcoming the Unconscious Bias. ALFA International Client Seminar. Marco Island, Florida - March 2020.
- Infinity Warns! What is the End Game on the Duty to Warn? ALFA International Product Liability & Complex Torts Seminar. Marana, Arizona - 2019.
- Defending Products Involved in Single Catastrophic Incidents or Multiple Incidents in Different States. ALFA PLCT. Santa Barbara, California - October 2017.
- SKINNING THE REPTILE: What the Reptile Theory is, Where it Shows up in Your Case, and (most importantly) How to Make Alligator Boots with It. ALFA PLCT. Amelia Island, Florida - May 2016.
- Insurance Coverage Litigation. NBI. Wichita, Kansas - June 2011.