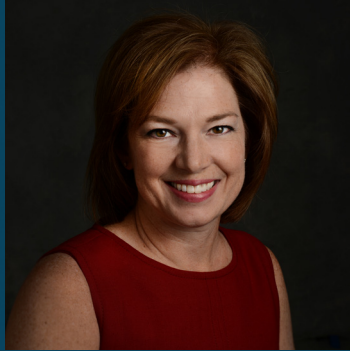


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### OVERVIEW

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Suzanne Bruss is a veteran defense attorney representing persons and entities sued for wrongful death, personal injury, or negligence. Suzanne has tried cases to a defense verdict in three states and in federal court and has arbitrated cases in multiple arbitration forums. Suzanne's experience extends to construction litigation where she has defended local contractors and home builders in complex construction defect claims. She has also successfully defended local contractors after fire or casualty losses where the contractor's work was alleged to be the cause of the loss.

Bruss also defends clients sued for employment-related matters, such as discrimination, wrongful discharge, and retaliation. She has extensive experience defending licensed professionals against claims of professional negligence, including the defense of real estate agents, psychologists, architects, and other licensed professionals.

Suzanne's practice is client-focused, providing a detailed and careful analysis of each client's case early in the litigation, then steady communication and advice as the matter moves toward mediation or trial. Originally from Iowa, Suzanne earned her undergraduate degree from Iowa State University with a double major in English and Speech Communication. She resides in Lenexa, Kansas, and enjoys spending time with her family.

### PRACTICE AREAS

- > Appellate Practice
- > Civil Litigation
- > Commercial & Complex Litigation
- > Construction Law
- > Employment Law & Litigation
- > Insurance Defense
- > Personal Injury Litigation
- > Product Liability
- > Professional Negligence & Licensure Litigation
- > Transportation & Motor Carrier Litigation

### EDUCATION

- > Drake University Law School, J.D., 1997  
- Dean's List
- > Iowa State University, B.A., English & Speech Communication, 1994

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- > Kansas Supreme Court
- > United States District Court, District of Kansas
- > Missouri Supreme Court
- > United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- > United States District Court, Western District of Missouri
- > Arizona Supreme Court
- > United States District Court, District of Arizona

## AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- Johnson County Bar Association
- Missouri Bar Association
- Kansas Bar Association
- Kansas Association of Defense Counsel
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)

## SIGNIFICANT CASES

- Petworld v. Superior Electric, Douglas County, Kansas, Case No. 2017-CV-000133 [fire loss against contractor]
- Duncan v. Finter, Jackson County, Missouri, Case No. 1616-CV24619 [motor vehicle negligence]
- Frisch v. Senogles, Shawnee County, Kansas, District Court Case No. 2016-CV-000198 [wrongful death]
- Jackson-Kennon v. Hernandez, et al, Jackson County, Missouri; Case No. 1116-CV33871 [motor vehicle negligence]
- Coder v. American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, U.S. District Court, District of Kansas; Case No. 2:12-cv-02231-EFM[breach of contract and denial without just cause or excuse]
- Woods v. Consumers Ins. Co., Greene County, Missouri Case No. 1231-CV02554 [breach of contract & vexatious refusal]
- Lock Warehouse v. Brower Electric, Inc., Carroll County, Missouri Case No. 10CR-CC00113 [fire loss subrogation]
- Gillpatrick v. St. Joe Harley Davidson, Buchanan County, Missouri Case No. 11 BU-CV00416 [products liability, negligence]
- Vanum Construction v. Magnum Block, LLC, Johnson County, Kansas, District Court, Case No. 08 CV 01263 [construction defect]