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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.

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

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

AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Kansas Bar Association
- Wichita Bar Association
- ALFA International Product Liability Steering Committee
- Kansas Bar Foundation, fellow
- Kansas Association of Defense Counsel
- Defense Research Institute



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.