

## KENNETH K. SCHMITT CURRICULUM VITAE

### SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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#### **Law Offices of Kenneth K. Schmitt d/b/a US Legal Solutions, LLC**

##### ***Principal Attorney/Shareholder***

##### **2005 to Present**

- Law firm with practice limited to immigration law, general litigation, workers compensation law, real estate law, criminal law, land title insurance, probate matters, representation of businesses, and
- Immigration practice, consisting of approximately fifty percent of clientele, representing intending immigrants, non-immigrants and employers in business and family based immigration matters including nonimmigrant employment visas, Employment based immigrant visas, Family category immigrant visas, Fiancé immigrant visas, Asylum applications, Naturalization applications and Detention and Removal proceedings and other litigation before the Federal Immigration Courts and Federal District Courts.
- Real Estate Transaction practice including real property sales negotiation as well as handling of Section 1031 like kind exchange matters, easements and restrictions for community property associations, contracts for deed, promissory notes, deeds of trust, and all forms of conveyance documents.
- Extensive practice in both State and Federal Courts in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Franklin County, Jefferson County and St. Charles County, St. Francois County, Missouri and Madison County and St. Clair County, Illinois.
- Extensive jury and non-jury trial practice and appellate practice in civil matters including business dispute litigation, construction and mechanics lien litigation, medical and legal professional malpractice litigation, personal injury litigation, real estate litigation, community property association (subdivisions and condominiums) litigation and election law litigation.
- Representative clients: Anthonies Mill Subdivision, Progress Bank of Missouri, Goose Creek Lake Subdivision, W. H. Allen Construction, R. J. Neubert, Inc.;
- Representative partner community groups: Catholic Charities Community Services-Southside; MIRA (Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Association); PLAN (Professional Latino Action Network), Manos Unidas.

#### **Law Offices of Kenneth K. Schmitt**

##### ***Principal Attorney/Shareholder***

##### **1998 to 2005**

- Law firm with practice limited to general litigation, real estate law, land title insurance, probate matters, representation of businesses, and immigration law.
- Extensive practice in both State and Federal Courts in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Franklin County, Jefferson County and St. Charles County, Missouri and Madison County and St. Clair County, Illinois.
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**Alliance Title & Abstracting, Co.**

***President/Shareholder***

**2001 to 2007**

- Land title insurance company with headquarters located in Union, Missouri and closing offices also located in Sullivan, Missouri and South St. Louis County, Missouri. Offering all aspects of title company services including Certificates of Title, full run title searches, title insurance, and closing and escrow services for both residential and commercial real property throughout all counties in eastern Missouri.
- Nominated for “Best New Business” Award by the Sullivan, Missouri Chamber of Commerce in Fiscal Year 2002.
- Top tier producer of insurance policies for underwriter in State of Missouri for each year in business producing more than 1000 title insurance policies issued per year for each year in business.
- Served as escrow agent for over \$35,000,000 in escrowed transactions per year for each year in business.
- Representative clients: Progress Bank of Missouri, Bank of Sullivan, Sunshine Realty, Johanning Realty, Brietenfeld Group, Century 21 Realty, Peoples Bank, Town & Country Bank.

**Brown & James, P.C.**

***Senior Associate***

**1995 to 1998**

- Civil insurance defense trial attorney practicing in the areas of medical malpractice defense, dental malpractice defense and first party insurance disputes. Practiced in both State and Federal Courts and in both Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois. Held primary responsibility for pretrial and trial work of more than sixty active files at any given time including evaluation and recruitment of local and out of state expert witnesses and cross examination/deposition of opposing experts, case evaluation and client reporting.

**Brown & James, P.C.**

***Associate***

**1993 to 1995**

- Civil insurance defense trial attorney practicing in the areas of general civil litigation including first party insurance disputes, traffic accident cases, property loss claims, medical malpractice defense and dental malpractice defense. Practiced in both State and Federal Courts and in both Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois. Responsible for pre-trial and some trial work under general supervision of senior attorneys and firm partners.

**Stokes & O'Malley, P.C.**

***Law Clerk***

**1991 to 1993**

- Responsible for legal research in preparation for trial and civil defense matters primarily involving substantial personal injury and medical malpractice matters.

**United States Attorney, Eastern District of Missouri**

***Legal Intern***

**1990 to 1991**

- Responsible for legal research and analysis of financial evidence for the U.S. Attorney's new Health Care Fraud Task Force. Analyzed billing records and histories of target health care providers to determine patterns of inappropriate or fraudulent billing. Required successful completion of United States FBI security clearance.

**Saint Louis University, Department of Risk Management**

***Graduate Intern***

**1990 to 1991**

- Coordinated the annual risk management review and inspection of entire Saint Louis University plant and all related properties with inspecting agent of university risk retention group. Made detail reports of findings and requirements for improvement of high risk issues to various university department personnel responsible for different aspects of the university plant.

**Saint Louis University, School of Law**

***Graduate Intern***

**1990 to 1991**

Responsible for research and drafting of material for updated text book on Health Care Law authored by Professor Sandra Johnson.

**EDUCATION**

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**Saint Louis University, School of Law**

***Juris Doctorate***

**Degree Conferred 1993**

- Graduated Cum Laude.

**Saint Louis University, School of Public Administration**

***Master of Arts in Public Administration***

**Degree Conferred 1993**

- Graduated Cum Laude.

**Saint Louis University, School of Arts and Sciences**

***Bachelor of Arts; Dual Majors in Biology and Political Science***

**Degree Conferred 1989**

- Graduated Cum Laude.

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSES:**

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Missouri Supreme Court

Illinois Supreme Court

United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Missouri

United States District Court, Southern District of Illinois

United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Illinois

Missouri Title Insurance Producers License

## APPELLATE DECISIONS, PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLISHED REFERENCES

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### **Appellate Decisions:**

*Labor and Industrial Relations Commission Appeal No.: 06-26181 R-A: In re: Claim for Benefits of L.J. under Missouri Employment Security Law, True Manufacturing Co., Employer*, Decided August 27, 2007.

*Missouri ex rel. Bouchard v. Grady*, 86 S.W.3d 121 (Mo.App. E.D. 2002)

*Meyer v. Lippe*, 14 S.W.3d 117 (Mo.App. E.D. 2000)

*State ex rel. Stecher v. Dowd*, 912 S.W.2d 462 (Mo. banc. 1995)

*Koeller v. Unival, Inc.*, 906 S.W.2d 744 (Mo.App. 1995)

*Barnet v. Weidner*, 901 S.W.2d 281 (Mo.App. S.D. 1994)

### **Published Works:**

*Missouri Insurance Practice: Chapter 8, Liability Insurance for Professionals*. (MoBar 4<sup>th</sup> ed. 2000 and MoBar 5<sup>th</sup> ed. 2004) (Co-Authored by Kenneth K. Schmitt).

*Litigation Settlements and the Statute of Frauds: Is That Handshake Enforceable?* Missouri Lawyers Weekly, July 17, 2000 issue. (Authored by Kenneth K. Schmitt).

Comment: *Waiver Quest: Oregon's Attempt to Re-Ration Health Care*, Saint Louis University Law Journal, Vol. 36, No. 4, page 47. (Authored by Kenneth K. Schmitt).

### **Published References**

*Mi Casa? Sue Casa! Hispanic immigrants cry foul over an alleged St. Louis housing scam*. Riverfront Times, June 21, 2006.

*Quarrels within Hispanic Community Allow Crime to Flourish*. Arch City Chronicle, Vol. 4, issue 18, July 25, 2006.

*Court Retains Jurisdiction over Election Case*. St. Louis Daily Record, Vol 292, No. 198, page one.

*Watchdog Group Vows to Ensure Fair Elections in the City*. West End Word, March 26, 2003 Issue, page one.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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Missouri Bar

Immigration Section Member

Immigration Section, Asst. Chair-Eastern Missouri (2008/2009)

American Immigration Lawyers Association

Missouri/Kansas Chapter

Treasurer (2007/2008 and 2008/2009)

Chapter Liaison to ICE, Kansas City District.

Missouri Legislative Coordinator (2008/2009)  
Missouri Land Title Association  
American Land Title Association

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ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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**Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores de México, Ad Honorem consultant attorney**

Catholic Charities Community Services-Southside  
Advisory Board President (2008/2009 and 2009/2010)

Advisory Board Member (2007/2008)

Rotary Club of Sullivan, Missouri  
Club Vice-President (2008/2009)

Club President (2007/2008)

Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates

John Marshall Club

Federalist Society

Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scout, Philmont Ranger (Three Years)