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Practice Areas

Administrative Law
Business Litigation
Education
Insurance
Labor and Employment
Litigation
Personal Injury
Workers' Compensation Defense

Education

J.D., Washington University School of Law, 1995
B.A., with highest honors, Pitzer College of the Claremont Colleges, 1992

Bar Admissions

Missouri, 1995
Illinois, 1996
Arkansas, 2006
Kansas, 2013
U.S. District Court
Eastern District of Missouri
Western District of Missouri
Eastern District of Arkansas
Western District of Arkansas

Professional Affiliations

The Missouri Bar
Workers' Compensation Law Committee
Illinois Bar Association
Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association
Arkansas Bar Association

Patricia Musick is a shareholder in the Springfield, MO MVP Law office. She has been practicing law for 30 years, 22 of which have been with MVP. In 2006, Trish opened MVP's Springfield, Missouri office. Trish litigates workers' compensation claims and labor and employment matters. She works with many employers, implementing programs to limit workers' compensation and litigation claims.

Trish successfully argues and defends cases before the Missouri Court of Appeals, the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission, and the Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation. She has experience in both judge and jury trials in state and federal courts and has a jury trial record of 10 wins and 0 losses. She successfully defended the employer in *Tidwell v. C. A. Walker Construction*, convincing the trial court, the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission, and the Court of Appeals that the claim did not arise out of and in the course of the claimant's employment. In *Cantrell v. Baldwin Transportation, Inc.*, No. SD 29642, --- S.W.3d ---- (Mo. App. S.D. 2009), Trish successfully defended an employer and insurer in a claim for permanent partial disability benefits by a deceased employee's widow, convincing the Administrative Law Judge, the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission, and the Court of Appeals that the claimant failed to prove accrual of permanent partial disability prior to the employee's death from causes unrelated to the work injury because the employee had not reached maximum medical improvement at the time of his death. In *Hosmann v. Bill Grant Ford*, SD35263, --- S.W.3d --- (Mo. App. S.D.2018). Trish successfully defended an employer and insurer in a claim for permanent total disability benefits, convincing the Administrative Law Judge, the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission and the Court of Appeals that the claimant was not credible with an ultimate holding that claimant did not sustain an occupational injury nor injury by accident.

At the Washington University Law School, Trish was on the National Trial Advocacy Team that won first place at the national competition. She won the William M. Pomerantz prize for excellence in advocacy. She often speaks at seminars on Missouri workers' compensation benefits. In 2015, Trish received the Trusted Advisor Award from the Springfield Business Journal. In 2018, she was published in the CLM Workers Compensation Magazine in an article entitled "2018 Workers' Compensation Predictions." In 2019 she was featured in the Springfield Business Journal's feature on female leaders in the region.

Trish has served on the firm's Board of Directors. She previously served as the chairperson of the Ronald McDonald Charities of the Ozarks Board of Directors. She is an avid tennis player and a former national champion in NCAA Division III tennis.

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