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William P. Coates, Jr.

William P. Coates, Jr. is a trial lawyer whose practice has focused on civil litigation for more than 40 years. He has tried over 125 cases to verdict, including suits related to commercial motor carriers and alleged products liability. Bill's trial skills have also protected several Class I railroads from potential multi-million dollar liability stemming from FELA claims and grade crossing accidents.

PRACTICE GROUP(S)

- Litigation
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability
- Transportation: Railroad and Trucking

EDUCATION

- B.A., University of Kansas, 1969
- J.D., University of Kansas School of Law, 1972

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

- 2016 - present: Wallace Saunders
 - Of Counsel
- 1976 - 2016: private practice of law
- 1973 - 1976: Assistant District Attorney, Johnson County, Kansas
- 1972 - 1973: Assistant Attorney General, State of Kansas

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Elected to Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel
- Master Emeritus, Earl E. O'Connor Inns of Court
- Faculty member, National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel, Trial Academy, Dallas Texas
- Adjunct faculty member, University of Kansas Law School, teaching trial advocacy
- National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel (Regional Vice-President, National Executive Committee)
- "AV" Peer Review rating from Martindale-Hubbell

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

- 1972, Kansas, all state and federal courts
- 1990, Missouri, all state courts and federal court for the Western District of Missouri

CIVIC ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Always willing to lend a helping hand, Bill regularly teaches trial advocacy to law students as an adjunct faculty member, University of Kansas Law School.



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PERSONAL

When not practicing law, Bill enjoys a round or two of golf, almost as much as he appreciates spending family time with his wife Kitty, their two grown sons, and especially their twin grandchildren.

Three words peers use to describe William: Capable, Attentive, Dauntless