



# Wallace Saunders

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

## OUR ATTORNEYS

### Ryan D. Weltz

Ryan Weltz is a Partner and has been with the firm since 2006. Since then, he's brought a rare and knowledgeable combination of law and legal history. With a distinguished background in American history and U.S. constitutional history, Ryan has successfully briefed and argued cases before the Kansas Supreme Court and Kansas Court of Appeals. As a member of the Workers' Compensation Practice Group, he's prepared legislative and appellate updates for existing and potential clients regarding recent developments in workers' compensation law. Ryan is licensed to practice law in both Kansas and Missouri.

#### PRACTICE GROUP(S)

- Workers' Compensation

#### EDUCATION

- The University of Kansas School of Law, Juris Doctor
  - Representative, Regional Moot Court Tournament, 2006
  - First-Place Award in Moot Court Tournament, 2005
  - Second-Place Oralist Award in Moot Court Tournament, 2005
- The University of Kansas, B.A., American History
  - Recipient, Harley S. Nelson Scholarship
  - University of Kansas Mount Oread Scholar and Philip Anschutz Scholar
  - National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Most Outstanding New Member, 2000

#### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

- 2006-present: Wallace Saunders
  - 2013: Partner
- 2004-2006: Douglas County Legal Aid Society
  - 2004-2005: Law Clerk
  - 2005-2006: Legal Intern



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#### PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Was awarded the “Rising Stars” designation for Kansas and Missouri by Super Lawyers® for 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020
- Has successfully briefed and argued cases before the Kansas Supreme Court and Kansas Court of Appeals
- Prepared legislative and appellate updates for existing and potential clients regarding recent developments in workers’ compensation law
- Contributor, Kansas Bar Association Workers Compensation Handbook, 5th Edition, Heart Attacks, Strokes and Psychological Injuries
- Presenter at the 2014 Annual Workers Compensation Seminar: 6th Edition AMA Guide, Concepts, Methodology, and Examples
- Presenter of continuing education lecture through the CEU Institute: Calculating Impairment Rating
- Presenter at 2015 Annual Workers Compensation Seminar: Work Disability Defenses
- Presenter for Missouri Bar CLE Annual Workers’ Compensation Institute, “Personal Comfort Doctrine, Maximum Medical Improvement, and Future Medical Treatment, Recent Trends and Developments.” May 13, 2016.
- Presenter at 2016 Annual Workers Compensation Seminar: Temporary Total Disability: When, When Not, & How Much?
- Presenter at 2016 MoBar CLE: Personal Comfort Doctrine, Maximum Medical Improvement, & Future Medical Treatment: Recent Trends and Developments
- Presenter at 2017 Annual Workers Compensation Seminar: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Occupational Injury
- Presenter at 2017 KCMBBA Annual Workers’ Compensation Institute: Legislative Update
- Presenter at 2019 Annual Kansas Workers Compensation Seminar: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Occupational Injury
- Presenter at the 2021 Kansas Workers Compensation Seminar: Compensability Issues for Remote Workers

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#### PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

- Trial and appellate courts of Kansas and Missouri
- U.S. Federal District Court of Kansas



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#### CIVIC ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Commissioner, Olathe Human Relations Commission 2018
- Serves as a volunteer judge for local high school debate, forensics and student congress tournaments.

#### PERSONAL

After a long day in the courtroom, Ryan relaxes with a night in the kitchen. He's an avid cook. Ask him about his specialties, but don't expect him to share any of his secret recipes.

Three words peers use to describe Ryan: Funny, Genuine, Frugal