

John Galvin



Admitted in Missouri and
Illinois

Practice Areas

Drug, Device, and MDL Litigation
Product Liability
Environmental Law
Commercial Litigation
Class Action

Education

J.D., Washington University School
of Law (1986)
B.A., Marquette University (1982)
Certification for Mediation Train-
ing for Civil Cases, University of
Missouri, Center for the Study of
Dispute Resolution (2010)

Peer Ratings and Recognition

Martindale Hubble AV rated
Missouri Super Lawyers 5+ years

| Of Counsel

John Galvin has obtained newsworthy results for major US and international clients in litigation at the local, regional, and national levels. He has taken cases to verdict in some of the most challenging state and federal courts, winning over 90% of the cases he has tried. When the judges of the Circuit Court for the City of St. Louis needed a lawyer to represent them in a dispute with a state agency, they hired John and he successfully argued the case before the Missouri Supreme Court, bringing home a victory for the Circuit Court judges.

MDL and Mass Tort Litigation:

John's experience in defending dozens of different pharmaceuticals and medical devices has led to him being asked to serve as a member of national trial teams in major pieces of litigation, including:

- Actos Litigation for Takeda Pharmaceuticals
- MTBE Product Liability Litigation for Shell Oil Company
- Baycol Litigation for GlaxoSmithKline
- Hemophilia/AIDS litigation for Baxter Healthcare

John has also been involved in leadership roles in other MDL litigation, including *In re: Yasmin/Yaz*, *In re: Lawnmower Engine Horsepower*, and *In re: Genetically Modified Rice*. In the GM Rice litigation, John was National Settlement Counsel with the job of resolving over 8,000 claims alleging economic losses due to a decline in the price of rice and alleged damages in the billions of dollars. John was instrumental in bringing together lawyers for state and federal claimants to craft a global settlement agreement that effectively ended the litigation.

Class Action Defense:

Working with a team of Fox Galvin lawyers, John has also successfully defeated a number of class action cases, including:

- Defeat of class action seeking recovery for impact to DNA following a gasoline spill
- Reversal of a "drive by" nationwide class action brought against an auto manufacturer
- Dismissal of a putative nationwide Madison County class action alleging billing fraud
- Denial of class certification in a St. Louis case alleging fraud in taxicab charges
- Denial of class certification in the S.D. of New York involving groundwater contamination

Environmental Litigation:

John's involvement in environmental litigation includes cases involving oil refineries, underground storage tanks, nuclear fuels facilities, and gasoline pipelines. He has litigated matters involving both air and water claims, under a variety of federal and state statutes, as well as common law personal injury and property damage claims. He has been retained, for example, by an oil company to defend government and neighborhood claims brought relating to a 1988 release of over 100,000 gallons of gasoline from a pipeline.

Community Service:

Since 2008, John has worked as a chaplain, certified in disaster response counseling, with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and has been deployed to earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, and shootings to provide emotional and spiritual care for victims of crises. In 2016, he took a position as Assistant Director of the group, remaining affiliated with Fox Galvin, but serving day-to-day leading responses to man-made and natural disasters from the company's headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina.

John and his wife Suzanne are also the founders of New Commandment Ministries, a Christian charitable organization helping children at risk, with projects for education, medical, and vocational training both here and abroad. John has participated in five mission trips to Nairobi, Kenya, where NCM has started medical clinics, built school classrooms and kitchens, and initiated sewing and computer labs.