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Daniel Luppino delivers strategic litigation support to businesses and financial institutions across Kansas and Missouri, while overseeing a nationwide asbestos defense docket with precision and dedication.

Daniel is a litigator in the Kansas City office of Lewis Rice, handling a broad range of civil matters in state and federal courts throughout Kansas and Missouri. He regularly defends businesses and financial institutions against claims involving tortious business practices, fraud, consumer protection violations, and employment discrimination.

Daniel is also deeply involved in the firm's asbestos personal injury defense practice, managing an extensive nationwide docket in this area.

He has been selected for inclusion in *Missouri & Kansas Rising Stars*® from 2015 to 2025, and in *Best Lawyers*® *Ones to Watch* from 2021 to 2025.

Education

- University of Kansas School of Law (J.D., 2011)
 - Order of the Coif
 - *Kansas Law Review*, articles editor
 - Moot Court Council
 - CALI Award for Lawyering I and II
- University of Kansas (B.A., 2007)
 - Political Science and Journalism
 - *The University Daily Kansan* and *KUJH-TV*, reporter
 - Honors program

Professional Affiliations

- KCMBA
- Earl E. O'Connor American Inn of Court

Services

- Complex Litigation
- Products Liability
- Labor & Employment
- Banking Litigation
- Appellate Litigation
- Environmental, Chemical & Toxic Tort
- Data Protection

Admissions

- Missouri Bar
 - Kansas Bar
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Case Studies

Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals Upholds Win in Lending Case

On August 3, 2015 the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit affirmed the District Court decision to grant a motion for summary judgment in a case brought against our client, Farmers Insurance Group Federal Credit Union (Credit Union), by Michael Falco. Mr. Falco sought \$21 million in damages against the Credit Union on claims that the Credit Union violated bankruptcy code.

The details of the original case stated the Credit Union granted a line of credit to Mr. Falco, which he used for several years before declaring bankruptcy in 2010. After Mr. Falco emerged from bankruptcy, he failed to reaffirm the loan. The Credit Union was compelled to foreclose on the collateral securing the loan and terminate Mr. Falco's Agent Agreement which meant he was no longer permitted to sell Farmers Insurance products. After a period of discovery, the Credit Union filed a motion for summary judgment. The District Court ruled in favor of Farmers Insurance Group Federal Credit Union.

Mr. Falco appealed the District Court's ruling. On appeal, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit found that Mr. Falco failed to address reasons why the original court's analysis was wrong. The three-judge panel concluded the District Court ruling sufficiently expressed specific reasons for granting the Credit Union's summary judgment motion.

Lewis Rice has many attorneys with significant experience in Financial Institution and Commercial Litigation, including cases like *Falco v Farmers Insurance Group Federal Credit Union* case involving compliant lending practices. For more information, please contact a lawyer from Lewis Rice's Commercial Litigation Practice Group.