



Jacqueline K. Graves

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Jackie Graves is a results-driven litigator recognized for her strategic advocacy in banking and trust disputes across state and federal courts, and for her leadership in navigating complex municipal law matters.

Jacqueline is a seasoned litigator with a diverse practice spanning banking litigation, trust and estate disputes, and municipal law. Known for her results-driven approach, Jackie draws on extensive experience in both state and federal courts to deliver strategic solutions for her clients. As Practice Group Leader of the Municipal Law, Zoning & Finance Group at Lewis Rice, she is widely respected for guiding cities and agencies through complex legal challenges.

Banking Litigation and Creditors' Rights

Jackie has deep experience in banking litigation and creditors' rights, successfully representing lenders in recovering multi-million-dollar claims. Her work includes actions against borrowers, guarantors, and other parties to financial agreements. With a strong grasp of financial disputes and a strategic approach to enforcement and resolution, she is a trusted advocate for creditors and financial institutions.

Trust and Estate Litigation

Jackie also handles high-stakes trust and estate litigation, including trust and will contests, trust reformations, and fiduciary duty claims. Her ability to navigate these disputes at both trial and appellate levels has earned her a reputation as a skilled and strategic litigator.

Municipal Law and Zoning

As leader of the Municipal Law, Zoning & Finance Group, Jackie regularly advises cities and agencies on a wide range of issues, including Sunshine Law compliance and eminent domain. She has defended municipalities and police officers in civil rights cases and has served as a prosecuting attorney for several municipalities, including the City of Kirkwood and the City of Maplewood.

Jackie practices before state and federal courts throughout the bi-state region, leveraging her litigation skills to achieve results for her clients.

Services

- Banking Litigation
- Bankruptcy & Insolvency
- Trust & Estate Litigation
- Municipal Law, Zoning & Finance
- Complex Litigation
- Appellate Litigation

She serves on the boards of Aim High St. Louis and the Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis, and is a member of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis' Communications Committee. Jackie was selected by her peers for inclusion in Best Lawyers®: Ones to Watch (2021–2025) and Missouri & Kansas Rising Stars® (2021–2022). She also serves on the Firm's Recruiting Committee.

Education

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2012)
 - Order of the Woolsack
 - Recipient of various Academic Excellence Awards
 - Recipient, Judge Robert G. Dowd, Sr. Appellate Advocacy Award
 - *Saint Louis University Law Journal*, editor
- Washington University in St. Louis (M.A., 2006)
 - History
- Washington University in St. Louis (B.A., *with honors*, 2006)
 - History and Political Science

Legal Background

- City Attorney, City of Florissant (2023-present)
- City Attorney, City of Maplewood (2021-present)
- Prosecuting Attorney, City of Maplewood (2018-present)
- Prosecuting Attorney, City of Kirkwood (2013-2016)
- Judicial extern, Hon. David D. Noce, U.S. District, Eastern District of Missouri (August-November 2011)
- Summer associate, Lewis Rice LLC (2010, 2011)

Professional Affiliations

- Communications Committee, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (2017-present)
- Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis (2018-present)
- Litigation Section, American Bar Association

Admissions

- Eastern District of Missouri, U.S. District Court
- Southern District of Illinois, U.S. District Court
- Central District of Illinois, U.S. District Court
- Missouri Bar
- Illinois Bar

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Board member, Aim High St. Louis (2018-2024)

Firm Committees

- Member, Recruiting Committee