



## Joseph E. Bant

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Joseph Bant is a Kansas City litigator who represents businesses and individuals in a wide range of civil disputes, with experience spanning employment, contract, real estate, financial, and appellate matters.

A member of the Litigation Department in the Kansas City office, Joseph represents businesses and individuals in a broad array of civil disputes in state and federal courts. Joseph represents employers in wage claims and discrimination claims under state and federal laws. He also advises businesses and individuals on issues involving contract disputes, real estate disputes, non-compete agreements, trade secrets, secured transactions, personal injury claims, and other matters.

Joseph represents financial institutions and other businesses in consumer protection claims brought as individual claims and class actions. He also advises clients involved in appellate litigation in the Kansas and Missouri courts of appeals and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

In addition to his legal practice, Joseph actively participates in recruiting activities for the Kansas City office.

Joseph was selected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers*® for 2025-2026.

### Education

- University of Kansas School of Law (J.D., 2008)
  - *Kansas Law Review*, 2006 - 2008 (note and comment editor, 2007 - 2008)
  - CALI Excellence for the Future Award, top grade in Lawyering I and II Small Sections 2005-2006
  - Lawyering I, teaching assistant, 2006-2008
- University of Kansas (B.S., *highest distinction*, 2005)
  - Journalism

### Professional Affiliations

### Services

- Complex Litigation
- Labor & Employment
- Appellate Litigation
- Banking Litigation
- Class Action
- Real Estate
- Data Protection
- Banking & Financial
- Trust & Estate Litigation

- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- Earl E. O'Connor American Inn of Court

## Admissions

- District of Kansas, U.S. District Court
- Western District of Missouri, U.S. District Court
- Eastern District of Missouri, U.S. District Court
- Missouri Bar
- Kansas Bar

## Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Board member, Myasthenia Gravis Association (2012-present)
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# Publications

September 13, 2019

## **Managing the Cannabis Business for Credit Unions**

*Heartland Credit Union Association Annual Conference*

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# Case Studies

## **Court Grants Lewis Rice Client's Motion to Dismiss in Putative Class Action Lawsuit**

On December 15, 2017, Judge David Hauber of the District Court of Johnson County, Kansas, granted motion to dismiss in a case brought against Lewis Rice client, KC Home Rental Management LLC (KCHRM), by Daniel Stuart and Zachary Wallace.

In the case, Stuart and Wallace alleged violations of the Kansas Consumer Credit Code, violations of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act, and breach of contract, for KCRHM's policy of charging a convenience fee for rent paid via credit card. As such, Stuart and Wallace sought to bring a nationwide class action on behalf of all individuals who had made rental payments to KCHRM using a credit card throughout the five years prior to the filing of this suit.

In granting the motion to dismiss, the Court agreed with KCHRM's arguments that the lease's choice of law provision was fatal to plaintiffs' claims, that plaintiffs lacked standing to bring their claims, and that plaintiffs failed to state a claim upon which relief could be granted. With the claims of the representative parties dismissed, the Court ruled that dismissal of the entire action was thereby necessary.

Lewis Rice Managing Member of the Kansas City office Thomas M. Martin was the lead attorney on this case. He was assisted by Joseph E. Bant and Ethan C. Duckworth.