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Scott Wissel is a seasoned trial attorney and trusted firm leader, known for his work in complex civil litigation, construction and real estate disputes, and legal ethics counsel.

Scott is General Counsel and Chair of the Litigation Department for the Kansas City office of Lewis Rice. Scott is an experienced trial attorney, representing and counseling clients in a diverse range of civil disputes including real estate and construction litigation, consumer banking litigation, loan enforcement, receivership and workout matters, and contract disputes of all kinds. He also regularly advises the firm and its attorneys on matters of legal ethics, professional responsibility, and risk management.

In his construction and real estate litigation practices, Scott has experience representing national and regional homebuilders with construction defect claims, breach of contract/warranty claims, lien claims, and disputes and negotiations with local governments and codes administrators. In addition, he represents owners, builders, contractors, and property managers in commercial and residential construction disputes.

When personal or transactional needs arise for Scott's clients, he works with Lewis Rice's skilled real estate and corporate attorneys to assist in matters ranging from estate and trust issues to contract negotiations and the sale or acquisition of real property or entire businesses.

As an active member of his local and professional communities, Scott is a graduate of the Kansas City Bar Leadership Academy and has held various board and leadership positions with several local organizations including the Prairie Fund, Homestead Country Club, the Earl E. O'Connor American Inn of Court, and the Federal Court Advocates Section of the KCMBA. He has been awarded the Pro Bono Award by the Kansas Bar Association, and the Kansas Supreme Court has appointed Scott to the Kansas Board for Discipline of Attorneys.

Scott was selected for inclusion in *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*® in 2015-2025 and in *Best Lawyers*® in 2022-2026.

Prior to joining the Firm, Scott served as a law clerk to the Honorable G. Thomas Van Bebber, U.S. District Court of the District of Kansas.

Services

- Appellate Litigation
- Banking Litigation
- Complex Litigation
- Construction Law
- Real Estate
- Bankruptcy & Insolvency
- Eminent Domain & Land Use
- Professional Liability
- Title Insurance Litigation

An avid sports fan, Scott closely follows his Carolina Tarheels, the Kansas City Royals, and the Kansas City Chiefs. He enjoys traveling and spending time with his wife Tessie and their three kids.

Education

- Chicago-Kent College of Law (J.D., 1997)
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (B.A., 1994)
 - Economics and English
 - Varsity Letters in Baseball and Fencing

Legal Background

- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas, Law Clerk to the Hon. G. Thomas Van Bebber

Professional Affiliations

- Earl E. O'Connor American Inn of Court (President, 2014-2015; Board of Directors, 2002-2024)
- Bench-Bar Committee, U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas (2014-2017)
- Federal Court Advocates Section of the KCMBA (President, 2015; Board of Directors, 2008-2017)
- Johnson County Bar Association
- American Bar Association

Admissions

- Eighth Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals
- Tenth Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals
- Eleventh Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals
- District of Kansas, U.S. District Court
- Western District of Missouri, U.S. District Court
- Eastern District of Wisconsin, U.S. District Court
- Missouri Bar
- Kansas Bar

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Volunteer, Harvesters Community Food Network