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OVERVIEW

With experience on the inside of a federal court, Graham defends clients in complex commercial litigation matters.

Before joining Husch Blackwell, Graham began his career with two years as a judicial law clerk at the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, where he had daily oversight and long-term management of more than 60 active civil cases. The role gave him a solid understanding of the bigger picture of litigation, helping him foresee where clients' cases are likely to go and how they can most efficiently be resolved.

Today, Graham primarily represents clients in commercial litigation matters, and his practice includes both defending clients against complex, high-value lawsuits, as well as enforcing clients' rights through offensive litigation. Drawing on his clerkship experience, Graham is valued by clients and litigation teams across several different industries for his strategic input and motion practice ability in federal matters, and his work has contributed to positive results for clients in nationwide consumer class actions, real estate disputes, toxic tort litigation, insurance coverage actions and business tort disputes. A natural litigator, Graham has been acquainted with the courtroom from very early in his career: he gained his first trial experience as a law student, when he had the opportunity to second chair five jury trials for the Missouri State Public Defender.

Industries

Manufacturing
Technology
Transportation

Services

Commercial Litigation
Litigation & Alternative Dispute
Resolution

Experience

- Assisted with legal research, motion practice and e-discovery for commercial litigation and mass tort cases.
- Drafted advisory memoranda for corporate clients on diverse regulatory matters including HIPAA compliance, offshore income tax liability and trademark protection issues.
- Attended and documented white collar client interviews with local and federal law enforcement agencies, including the U.S. Department of Justice and Missouri Attorney General's Office.
- Performed daily oversight and long-term management of 60+ active civil cases in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.
- Second chaired five jury trials and assisted lead trial attorney with jury selection, exhibit management and client communication in criminal cases for the Missouri State Public Defender's Office.

Recognition

- Education Law Association, August Steinhilber Award for Best Brief Writing in the Appellate Courts, 2023

Education

- J.D., Washington University in St. Louis School of Law
 - *cum laude*
 - *Washington University Jurisprudence Review*, Assistant Notes Editor
- B.S., Texas Christian University
 - *magna cum laude*

Admissions

- Illinois

Community Leadership

Graham's dog Kylo serves as a therapy dog through Paws for Patrick, a Chicagoland-area nonprofit organization focused on mental health awareness and suicide prevention among kids and teens. Graham and his wife often take Kylo to schools and various community events to help brighten kids' days and raise awareness for this important cause.



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