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### **CHARLES H. COOPER** [ of counsel ]

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#### **Biography**

Charles has litigated cases in over 30 states across the country. He has conducted hundreds of depositions and has handled hearings, negotiations, and mediations throughout the United States.

The recipient of mock-trial awards in law school, Charles has first-chair jury trial and bench trial experience in both state and federal court. He also has arbitration experience. Over the years, he has represented clients in various types of litigation, including matters concerning alleged product-liability defects, premises and commercial disputes, copyright infringement, pharmaceutical matters, asbestos injury, insurance subrogation, and truck and auto accidents involving serious injury or death. Charles often handles lawsuits involving fires, fire suppression systems, construction disputes, alarm systems, CPVC products, metallurgical failures, electrical cable products, and valve systems.

Charles has developed client strategies in the areas of punitive damages and e-discovery. He is part of a team of lawyers that developed alternative billing arrangements featured in the March 14, 2012, issue of *ABA Journal*.

Charles is committed to serving the community. He has represented clients in civil-rights matters, as well as adoption, guardianship and other family-law matters. He is also the board chair for Neighborhood Housing Services, a 501(c)(3) corporation, and founding member of NeighborWorks®, a national organization funded by HUD.

#### **Matters Of Note**

Jury trial in Seattle, Washington, involving an alleged failure in a fire protection system product.

Arbitration in matter concerning flood damage in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina.

Arbitration in Maricopa County, Arizona, involving property damage.

Arbitration in matter concerning a fire protection system in Fulton County, Georgia.

Summary judgment in Lake County, Illinois, in matter involving an explosion that severely burned an individual and caused extensive property damage and alleged business interruption loss (alleged damages were \$65 million).

Jury trials in civil rights cases in the Western District of Missouri.

Partial jury trial in Livingston, Louisiana, in case involving allegations of wrongful death from heating equipment.

Summary judgment on all claims due to spoliation of evidence in Scott County, Minnesota.

Summary judgment on all tort claims (economic loss doctrine issue) in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Summary judgment on RICO claims in Harris County, Texas.

#### **Presentations**

Press conference featured in *Business Wire*, Kansas City, Missouri (July 2014).

*NHS Past, Present & Future*, Kansas City, Missouri (June 2014).

*Financial Leadership—Do You Have the Right Team?*, NeighborWorks® Executive Director Symposium, Washington, D.C. (April 2014).

*Experts in Litigation*, Kansas City, Missouri (Fall 2011).

*Punitive Damages Strategies and the Supreme Court*, Kansas City, Missouri (August 2003).

#### **Memberships**

American Bar Association

Kansas Bar Association

The Missouri Bar

#### **Licenses**

State courts of Kansas

State courts of Missouri

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri

U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois

#### **Education**

2001 J.D., with honors, University of Tulsa College of Law

1993 B.S., University of Houston

#### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Design & Construction Law

Global Product Liability

Fire Protection & Alarms

Tort

Business Litigation