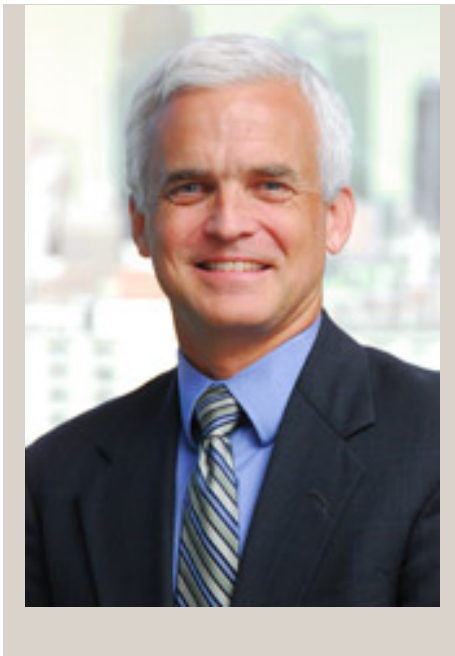


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## Neil L. Johnson

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### Practice Areas

Business Litigation  
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Employment  
Franchise Litigation

### Professional Profile

Neil has been a partner with Berkowitz Oliver since 2001. He received his undergraduate degree in 1982, with Distinction, from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he was a member of the Cornhusker Marching Band and men's soccer team. He received his J.D. degree in 1985 from the University of Nebraska College of Law where he served as class president and was a member of the national trial competition team. After law school graduation, Neil worked as a federal clerk in Omaha for the Honorable Donald R. Ross of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, and then began practicing in Kansas City with Swanson Midgley, a general practice and litigation firm, making partner in 1992. Neil joined Berkowitz Oliver in 1998.

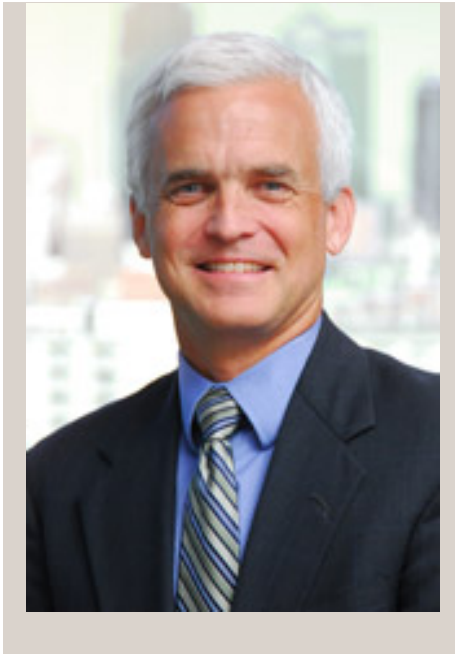
Neil has first-chaired numerous jury and non-jury trials and has experience in a wide range of litigation and appellate matters across the country including commercial, tort, employment, intellectual property, insurance defense, asbestos defense, creditor's rights, landlord-tenant, real property disputes, motor vehicle manufacturers, and ERISA. Neil has an AV rating with Martindale-Hubbell and is admitted to regularly practice before the state and federal courts in Missouri and Kansas, has been admitted *pro hac vice* to practice in countless other jurisdictions, and has briefed or argued appeals before the Third, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Circuits, and before the state appellate courts in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. His practice has included real estate, contract, and corporate law, and he has substantial experience in bankruptcy matters, including representation of secured and unsecured creditors, commercial and real estate lenders, priority and non-priority claimants, lessors and lessees, trade vendors, and preference and fraudulent conveyance defendants.

Neil has been active in many community affairs and has served on the boards of Kansas City Corporate Challenge and the Grammy-award winning Kansas City Chorale, and continues to handle legal matters for those entities. Neil continues to enjoy playing soccer and trumpet, coaching youth soccer and baseball, and taking on long distance endurance events, including half-ironman triathlons.

### Clerk Experience

Clerk for the Honorable Donald R. Ross, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

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## Professional Memberships

Kansas Bar Association  
Missouri Bar Association  
Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association  
Board Member of the Kansas City Corporate Challenge  
Board Member of the Kansas City Chorale

## Education

University of Nebraska College of Law (J.D., 1985)  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.A., 1982) *Distinction*

## Admissions & Qualifications

Missouri, 1985  
Kansas, 1989  
U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri  
U.S. District Court, District of Kansas  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit