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EXPERIENCE AS AN ATTORNEY

Horn Aylward & Bandy, LLC, Kansas City, Missouri *2018--Present*

Currently a member of a Kansas City based firm specializing in litigation, including complex and class action litigation, commercial and business litigation, defense of medical professionals and hospitals, construction litigation, and other litigation specialties. Members of the firm are recognized by their peers as leaders in the various fields of litigation, including selection into American Board of Trial Advocates, International Society of Barristers, American College of Trial Lawyers; Super Lawyers, Best of the Bar in Litigation, Best Lawyers, National Trial Lawyers Top 100, Dean of the Trial Bar, Missouri Legal Icon Recipient.

Walters Bender Strohhahn & Vaughan, P.C. Kansas City, Missouri *1991—2018*
Founding Shareholder

Mr. Bender was a founding member of Walters Bender Strohhahn & Vaughan, P.C., a Kansas City based firm then comprised of 13 lawyers, including 8 partners, each with more than 25 years of experience. It specialized in litigation, including complex and class action litigation, commercial and business litigation, predatory lending and consumer protection litigation and securities litigation. That Firm was involved in representing plaintiffs and defendants in litigation matters throughout the United States.

Linde Thomson Langworthy Kohn & VanDyke, P.C. Kansas City, Missouri *1979-1991*
Trial and Litigation Shareholder

Linde Thomson was then a large Kansas City based firm with offices in Kansas and Texas. Mr. Bender's practice included all aspects of civil trial litigation, both state and federal, and at the appellate levels, with particular focus on business litigation and personal injury actions. His experience included first chair trial work in a wide variety of litigation, including national trial counsel for a large trucking company, plaintiff cases involving defective products, tax fraud defense matters and medical negligence cases.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

- Mediated over 1500 cases
- Prior to entering into law, worked in accounting and understands financial issues
- Since becoming an attorney, has had a breadth of experience in all types of litigation
 - Represented national trucking company and products manufacturer;
 - Represented plaintiffs and defendants in breaches of fiduciary litigation
 - Been involved in numerous class action and MDL cases as plaintiff's counsel
- Recognition as to abilities to handle that litigation successfully

- Recognition in the legal community as to ability to work collaboratively for the good of the legal profession; officers; commissions; awards
- Since in mediation, similar breadth of experience

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION TRAINING

Civil Mediation Training, The Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution & MU Law School Center for Continuing Legal Education, 2016

Advanced Training for Outside Mediators, U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri, 2019

Considerations for Mediators and Mediation Participants MAP, Mediation and Assessment Program (MAP), U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri 2021

EDUCATION

University of Missouri School of Law, J.D., 1979

University of Missouri, B.S. in Accounting, *cum laude*, 1975

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Kansas Supreme Court #22860
- Missouri Supreme Court #28099
- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

HONORS & AWARDS

- AV Premier and Judicial Edition (highest) rating from Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory
- Super Lawyer, Kansas and Missouri, *Super Lawyers Magazine*
- Best of the Bar, *Kansas City Business Journal*
- The National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Organization
- Best Lawyers in America
- President's Award Recipient from both Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Foundation
- President of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- President of Kansas Metropolitan Bar Foundation
- President of Missouri Bar
- Federal Practice Committee: United States District Court, Western District of Missouri

SEMINARS & PRESENTATIONS

- June, 2000: Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association: *Ethics in the Year 2000* (Kansas City, MO)
- September, 2009: Remarks at Portrait Unveiling for U.S. District Court Judge Dean Whipple (Kansas City, MO)
- April, 2010: U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri: Naturalization Ceremony: *What Duty is This Freedom?* (Kansas City, MO)
- May, 2010: Professional Profile Radio Show: *Q&A on Class Actions* (Warsaw, MO)
- June, 2010: Opening Remarks for 24th Annual Corporate Counsel Institute (Overland Park, KS)
- December, 2010: Remarks at Portrait Presentation for Jackson County Circuit Court Judge John O'Malley
- February, 2011: *Making a Federal Case in Kansas City* (Independence, MO) Co-Presenters: Sara Welch, U.S. District Court Judge Ortrie Smith
- December, 2013: John Shamberg Memorial CLE: *Consumers: Are they a Class Act?* (Overland Park, KS) Co-Presenters JBM/KWR
- *David v. Goliath: Understanding and Identifying a Class Action Lawsuit.* "CLE By the Hour (Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association), 2016
- "Maximizing Your Effectiveness in Mediation: Do's and Don'ts from Three Seasoned Mediators." CLE By the Hour (Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association), 2016
- "Maximizing Your Effectiveness in Mediation" (KCMBA Bench Bar Boardroom Conference), 2017

SAMPLE COMMENDATIONS FROM PARTICIPANTS

- "Thanks to you, this was a solid result for the client."
- "You did a great job and I appreciate your efforts. I will highly recommend you to others."
- "You were superb. Thanks for your efforts."
- "Thanks for the good work today. It was not an easy case given the venue and other extraneous issues. But I think we reached an excellent result for the client. I appreciate your help."
- "Your efforts were certainly critical to the parties' success in reaching a compromise resolution of the dispute. I am sincerely grateful for your hard work and perseverance."
- "Really enjoyed working with you today. You were instrumental in getting this resolved. I have a few other cases that will need a mediation in the next 3-4 months and will lobby to use you. Thanks again."
- "If you hadn't been so persistent, I'm not sure it would have been done."
- "My heartfelt thanks for all your hard work helping to make this happen. It's a happy day for all of us. The clients are pretty pleased. Thank you."