

Our Government Services Group is a team of savvy lawyers with experience and finesse to skillfully address legal matters on behalf of, among, or against government entities or government-related agencies.

Whether your particular situation concerns benefits, personnel, administrative, municipal, statutory, or environmental issues, we are the team you'll want on your side.

In the public pension arena, we have consulted and helped parties reach positive outcomes without litigation.

When it comes to litigation, success starts with using lawyers capable of consistently conceiving solid strategies and exhibiting exceptional stamina because, sometimes, you find yourself up against powerful forces with seemingly endless resources. As your counsel, we don't let that intimidate us! We have had a high success rate, especially in the public pension area on three consecutive occasions before the Missouri Supreme Court representing the Firemen's Retirement System of St. Louis.

Two significant cases—taking on the State of Missouri and the City of St. Louis—illustrate both our skills and our stamina:

In *Firemen's Retirement System (FRS) v. St. Louis* regarding failure to properly fund pensions, we earned a judgment in excess of \$18 million against the City of St. Louis. On appeal, the

Missouri Supreme Court affirmed that FRS prevailed on all issues. In September 2007, FRS received \$49.4 million from the City of St. Louis based on this judgment, interest, and money for the next two fiscal years. Another client, the St. Louis Employees Retirement System (ERS) also received approximately \$47 million as a result of this case.

In *Klingler, et al. v. Director of the Department of Revenue, State of Missouri*, we led this victorious, 10-year, hard-fought class-action case that made several trips to the federal appellate courts. The battle succeeded in reaffirming the principles of the Americans with Disabilities Act, "that people with disabilities cannot be charged for accommodations required by law."

We represent clients before Missouri, Illinois and Federal Courts, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, Missouri Court of Appeals, and the Missouri Supreme Court.

Danna McKitrick works vigorously to resolve your dispute whether through litigation or alternative dispute resolution.



INDUSTRIES

- Banks & Financial Institutions
- Business Organizations
- Condominium & Homeowner Associations
- Construction
- Families & Individuals
- Government-related Entities
- Health Care Industry
- Insurance Industry
- Manufacturers & Distributors
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Real Estate
- Restaurants & Entertainment
- Start-ups & Emerging Businesses
- Technology
- Transportation Industry

PRACTICE AREAS

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- Business Advisory
- Employment Law
- Estate Planning
- Health Care Law
- Insurance
- Insurance Planning
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation
- Probate
- Professional Liability Defense
- Public Pensions & Government Litigation**
- Real Estate Law
- Tax
- Title & Boundary Disputes
- Workers' Compensation