



## Shannon M. Wheaton, Counsel

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### Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Courts for the Southern District of Illinois

### Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Premises Liability
- Products Liability
- Employment Litigation
- Casualty and Personal Injury Litigation

### Education

- B.A. in Journalism – University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, 1997
- J.D. – Southern Illinois University School of Law, Carbondale, IL, 2005

Shannon joined Childress Ahlheim Cary LLC in 2026 as Counsel. Before joining CAC, she spent 15 years with two large defense firms in St. Louis, first as a Staff Attorney, promoted to Counsel, where she represented financial institutions in high-stakes litigation. She defended broker-dealer firms in customer actions alleging multi-million dollar investment losses and represented mortgage lenders in post-2008-2009 financial crisis suits alleging breach of contract, consumer protection violations and related claims. She has handled employment matters, including claims of lost compensation, defamation and wrongful termination. Shannon has first-chair trial experience in Missouri state courts and before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). She is adept at distilling complex facts into clear, compelling narratives and presenting them to judges and arbitrators.

Early in her career, as an associate with a firm in Madison County, Illinois, she defended pharmaceutical companies in opioid litigation and represented property owners in asbestos-related premises liability cases. At CAC, Shannon is particularly interested in handling complex cases at the intersection of science, technology and the law.

Away from work, Shannon is an avid recreational language learner. She is conversational in Russian and Spanish and is working on her French. She believes that there is no greater way to connect with people than speaking to them in their own language. She enjoys building elaborate Lego creations with her husband and son, nurturing the flowers in her yard and in her office, and pursuing her fitness goals at the gym.