

# **RICHARD M. AUBUCHON**

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## **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:**

**Lawyer and Lobbyist: AuBuchon Law Firm, LLC.** 2014 to Present. As the owner of the AuBuchon Law Firm, LLC, I serve as lawyer and lobbyist to multiple clients throughout the state of Missouri. The focus of my practice is business advocacy in Missouri Courts and in the Missouri legislature. I also serve as the Executive Director of the Missouri Civil Justice Reform Coalition, Inc to better educate the Missouri public about the need for legal reform in Missouri.

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

*Published Cases:* *Oregon Natural Desert Ass'n et al. v. USFS, et al.*, 312 F.Supp.2d 1337 (D.Or. 2004); *Harris v. U.S.*, 2003 WL 23332985 (E.D. Cal. August 5, 2003); *Robbins v. Bureau of Land Management*, 252 F.Supp.2d 1286 (Wyo. 2003); *W. Wesley Wallace*, 156 IBLA 274 (2002).

## **EDUCATION:**

### **University of Tulsa College of Law-Tulsa, Oklahoma (1998-2001)**

#### **Juris Doctorate, with Honors, May 2001**

Activities/Honors: Tulsa Law Journal (Now the Tulsa Law Review) Notes and Comments Editor; Phi Kappa Phi-International Honor Society; Phi Delta Phi-International Legal Honor Fraternity; Dean's List (Fall 1998, Fall 1999, Spring 2000, Fall 2000); CALI Award for Legal Research/Writing; CALI Award for Professional Responsibility; Phillips Allen Porta Memorial Award; Phi Delta Phi Achievement Award; Published Comment in the Tulsa Law Journal

### **Westminster College-Fulton, Missouri (1995-1998)**

Bachelor of Arts, May 1998, Major in Political Science, Minor in European Studies

Activities/Honors: President-Beta Theta Pi-Social Fraternity  
Varsity Basketball

### **Columbia College-Columbia, Missouri (1994-1995)**

Activities/Honors: Dean's List (Spring 1995)  
Varsity Basketball  
American Mid-West Conference-Academic All-Conference (1994-1995)

## **JURISDICTIONS OF PRACTICE:**

State Courts: Missouri State Bar (2004-Present); Wyoming State Bar (2001-2012)  
Federal District Courts: Wyoming, Colorado, Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri  
Appellate Courts: Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Circuit Courts of Appeals

## **PROFESSIONAL WORK HISTORY:**

**Counsel, POLSINELLI law firm.** 2013 – 2014. Of Counsel in the Jefferson City, MO office. Provided litigation and lobbying services to multiple clients in Missouri.

**General Counsel & Legislative Affairs, Missouri Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Inc.** (2011 to 2013)  
The Missouri Chamber of Commerce is the largest and most influential business advocacy association in Missouri. As General Counsel I served as the chief legal advisor to the Missouri Chamber and lobby the Missouri legislature to support pro-business legislation.

**Chief of Staff & General Counsel, Lt. Governor Peter D. Kinder** (May 2008-Dec. 2011)  
Served as Lt. Governor Kinder's chief legal advisor and managed the day to day operations of the Lt. Governor's official office. Provided advice and direction for the legislative agenda of the House and Senate leaders on complex policy and political matters.

**Deputy Commissioner & Chief Counsel, Office of Administration** (Oct. 2005 to May 2008)  
Managed approximately 2,200 employees, hundreds of millions of budget authority and all business functions of Missouri state government. The Office of Administration is responsible for all aspects of oversight and management of statewide: procurement; budgeting; state land and buildings; mail services; fleet management; printing; accounting; information technology; and personnel placement. In his role I was responsible for all legal issues presented as well as proper management and supervision of the chief administrative agency for state government. In addition I served on the Senior Staff to Governor Blunt and was entrusted with providing advice to the Governor and the Governor's Chief of Staff.

**Assistant Attorney General:** Missouri Attorney General's Office (May 2004 to Oct. 2005)  
Hired as an Assistant Attorney General by Jay Nixon because of my background in federal practice and environmental defense. Served as the General Counsel for the Missouri Land Reclamation Commission. Job duties included serving as counsel for the State of Missouri for complex litigation in federal, state and administrative tribunals. Represented the State of Missouri in the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Multi-District case regarding the Missouri River litigation.

**Associate:** Budd-Falen Law Offices, L.L.C., Cheyenne, Wyoming (Aug. 2001 to May 2004)  
Provided counsel for clients in Wyoming state courts and federal district courts throughout western United States. Specializing in federal administrative law and federal lands management as well as Endangered Species Act cases. Also litigated claims involving Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organizations Act, federal constitutional civil rights claims. Served as primary counsel on many civil litigation matters regarding contract disputes and disputes regarding real property rights in the State of Wyoming and throughout the western United States. Practice focused on defense work for farmers, ranchers and conservative rights groups throughout the western United States.

**Contract Administration:** ONEOK Field Services (Sept. 2000 to March 2001)  
Reviewed contract terms related to the gathering, processing, storage and transportation of oil and gas and provided assessment of the contract terms for the company.

**Law Clerk:** Williams Corporation (Summer 2000)  
Performed research and litigation support for The Williams Companies in-house legal department. While at Williams I gained a profound understanding of the collection, processing, transport and distribution of energy and communications throughout the nation.