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 NATHAN WATKINS NAMED SENIOR FELLOW OF LITIGATION COUNSEL OF AMERICA

      Kansas City attorney Nathan L. Watkins, of the law firm Barker, Sidley & Tate, P.C., has been named a Senior Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America (LCA). Watkins is a litigator in the firm’s commercial litigation section and past director of the Kansas City Bar Association. A 1977 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, Watkins received his Juris Doctor degree from Washington University School of Law in 1980. He has represented numerous clients in both federal and state courts and has argued cases before the Supreme Court of Missouri, the Missouri Court of Appeals, and the Kansas Supreme Court. Watkins regularly represents domestic and international companies in the enforcement of their intellectual property rights and complex commercial litigation.

     The Litigation Counsel of America is a trial lawyer honorary society composed of less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. Fellowship in the LCA is highly selective and by invitation only. Fellows are selected based upon excellence and accomplishment in litigation, both at the trial and appellate levels, and superior ethical reputation. Senior Fellow status in the society is reserved for advanced commitment to and support of the LCA, the Diversity Law Institute and the Trial Law Institute. The LCA is aggressively diverse in its composition. Established as a trial and appellate lawyer honorary society reflecting the American bar in the twenty-first century, the LCA represents the best in law among its membership. The number of Fellowships has been kept at an exclusive limit by design, allowing qualifications, diversity and inclusion to align effectively, with recognition of excellence in litigation across all segments of the bar. Fellows are generally at the partner or shareholder level, or are independent practitioners with recognized experience and accomplishment. In addition, the LCA is dedicated to promoting superior advocacy, professionalism and ethical standards among its Fellows.

     Watkins is also active in The United Way, where he serves on the advisory council, the Greater Kansas City Development Board, and is the past president of Western Missouri Planned Parenthood.