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"Because of the utter futility of fixed defenses in war, the only sure defense is offense, and the efficiency of the offense depends on the warlike souls of those conducting it." -General George Patton

Salim Awad devotes his practice to defending clients in a wide variety of civil litigation matters. He concentrates on product liability, general liability, premises liability, commercial litigation and transportation law. Salim follows technology trends, and regularly utilizes the latest resources in his casework.

Salim is fluent in Spanish and served as a Deep Sea Diver in the U.S. Army for over 6 years. As a clerk for the firm during the summers of 2008 and 2009, he drafted documents and conducted research, assisting attorneys in nearly every practice group.

While earning his law degree, Salim worked providing legal services to Veterans and immigrants, focusing mainly on cases dealing with the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Salim also held leadership roles in many organizations and participated in mock trial and moot court competitions. Salim also gained experience as a student attorney for both Saint Louis University and Legal Services of Eastern Missouri.

Salim enjoys spending time outdoors and frequently engages in adventure and endurance sports.

MILITARY BACKGROUND:

Salim Awad enlisted in the United States Army in 2001. He served seven years on active duty as a Salvage Diver in the Army's 74th Dive Team. While in the Army, he deployed to the Middle East as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and in support of other multiple missions worldwide. He held a Top Secret security clearance with access to sensitive compartmented information.

Salim's military education includes the Basic Combat Training at Fort Benning, Georgia; the Army Dive School at the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center at Panama City, Florida; the Warrior Leader Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky; and the Combat Life Saver Course at Fort Eustis, Virginia. He also served as the Training Non-Commissioned Officer for the United States Army Dive Company in Fort Eustis, Virginia. Salim was honorably discharged from the Army in 2007 with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

EDUCATION:

- ◆ Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D., 2010
 - Concentration in Civil Litigation Skills
 - Dean's Choice Scholar
- ◆ American Military University, B.A., 2007
 - Concentration in Intelligence Analysis
- ◆ United Nations Institute for Training & Research, 2006
 - Certificate, Peacekeeping Operations
- ◆ Universidad Externado de Colombia, 1995-1996
 - Undergraduate Law Program

BAR ADMISSIONS:

- ◆ United States District Courts
 - Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri
- ◆ Missouri
- ◆ Illinois

PRO BONO ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ Volunteer pro bono attorney in the St. Louis Volunteer Lawyers Program of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
- ◆ Volunteer pro bono attorney in the Alternative Dispute Resolution Limited Scope Representation Program in the United States District Court - Eastern District of Missouri

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- ◆ American Bar Association
- ◆ Defense Research Institute
- ◆ Hispanic National Bar Association
 - Deputy President of Region XI (Covering all HNBA activities in Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota)
- ◆ Veterans Bar Association
- ◆ Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

PUBLICATIONS AND LECTURES:

- ◆ Author, "Landmark National Bank v. Kesler: A Rejection of MERS or a Reaction to the Mortgage Crisis," American Bar Association's *Title Litigation Committee Newsletter* (Summer 2010).

CIVIC AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ Regional Business Council's *Young Professionals Network Leadership 100*