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Ted Williams has spent his entire professional life as a trial attorney. His trial experience includes the defense of railroad, aviation, medical malpractice, product liability, personal injury, toxic tort and admiralty cases. He began the practice of law in 1974 as a Prosecutor in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Over the years, he has tried over 200 jury trials.

Ted received national recognition as lead trial counsel in the successful defense of Kimberly-Clark Corporation in that company's first toxic shock syndrome trial (*Stanley v. Kimberly-Clark Corporation*), for a defense verdict in the first product liability case tried nationwide on the issue of seat restraint devices in underground mining vehicles (*Poston v. S & S Corporation, a division of Ingersoll-Rand*) and for a defense verdict in the first case tried by the railroad industry regarding the alleged development of carpal tunnel syndrome in locomotive engineers (*Pryor v National Railroad Passenger Corporation*). Additionally, over the past four years, two of his trials have been listed among the top defense verdicts in the State of Missouri by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*.

While his trial practice has primarily been in high-exposure jury cases in Missouri and Illinois, to include Madison and St. Clair Counties, he regularly defends corporations and insurance companies throughout the Midwest. This includes cases from Colorado to Indiana and from Minnesota to Arkansas.

In a number of instances, Ted has been asked to enter his appearance as lead trial counsel on cases already pending in our jurisdictions. Most recently, this has occurred in Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Kentucky. He also serves as National Counsel on railroad litigation for a Fortune 100 corporation and as Regional Counsel for a number of major corporations with responsibility for litigated matters throughout the Midwest. Ted has also represented the Canadian Province of Ontario as Crown Counsel.

Ted is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, has been elected to the rank of Advocate in the American Board of Trial Advocates and has also been elected to membership in the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel as well as the International Association of Defense Counsel. Since 1994, Ted has been listed in two categories in the *Best Lawyers in America* (Railroad Law and Personal Injury Litigation) and in Missouri and Kansas *Super Lawyers*. He has also been included in *Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel Edition*, a national recognition of top attorneys in business-related fields, for his civil litigation work.

MILITARY BACKGROUND:

Ted Williams was commissioned in 1969 through the Army ROTC Program at Purdue University. He served three years on active duty as a Line Officer, rising to Command an Armored Cavalry Troop of the 9th Cavalry. While in the Reserves, he commanded an Infantry Company, as well as the Combat Support Company of an Infantry Battalion. He also served in various staff positions, both as an Operations and as an Intelligence Officer at Battalion and Brigade level. A number of years ago, he transferred his Commission to the Judge Advocate General Corps. Ted's most recent assignment was as Chief of Criminal Law for the United States Army Air Defense Artillery Center at Ft. Bliss, Texas. In 2007 he retired from the Army with the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Ted's military education includes the Armor Officer Basic Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky; Ranger and Airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia; The Judge Advocate General Corps Officer Advance Course at Charlottesville, Virginia; and the United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

He has been inducted into the Purdue University ROTC Hall of Fame which honors those graduates who have distinguished themselves through service to the nation, their community and as outstanding leaders in business, government or other professional fields.

EDUCATION:

- ◆ University of Tulsa College of Law, J.D., 1974
- ◆ Purdue University, B.A., 1969

BAR ADMISSIONS:

- ◆ United States Supreme Court
- ◆ United States Courts of Appeals
 - Seventh Circuit
 - Eighth Circuit
 - Tenth Circuit
- ◆ United States Court of Military Appeals
- ◆ United States District Courts
 - Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri
 - Southern, Central and Northern Districts of Illinois
 - Northern District of Indiana
 - District of Kansas
 - Northern and Western Districts of Oklahoma
 - Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin
- ◆ Missouri
- ◆ Illinois
- ◆ Colorado
- ◆ District of Columbia
- ◆ Kansas
- ◆ Oklahoma
- ◆ Washington
- ◆ Wisconsin

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- ◆ Missouri Bar
- ◆ Illinois State Bar Association
- ◆ Colorado Bar Association
- ◆ District of Columbia Bar Association
- ◆ Kansas Bar Association
- ◆ Oklahoma Bar Association
- ◆ Washington State Bar Association
- ◆ Wisconsin Bar Association
- ◆ American Bar Association
 - Chairman 1991-1992, Committee on Rail and Motor Carrier Law, Section of Tort and Insurance Practice
- ◆ National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel
 - Executive Committee, 2002 - present
- ◆ Western Conference of Railway Counsel
- ◆ Maritime Law Association
- ◆ Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
 - Barrister, Order of Centurions
- ◆ Advocate, American Board of Trial Advocates
- ◆ International Association of Defense Counsel
- ◆ Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel
- ◆ Defense Research Institute
- ◆ Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis