



Tina N. Babel

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Education

University of California,
Hastings College of Law,
J.D., *cum laude*, 2004

Missouri State University,
B.A., *magna cum laude*,
2000

Tina Babel is the Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel at Carmody MacDonald. She is also a trial attorney and focuses her practice in the areas of trusts and estates litigation and mediation.

As the firm's COO, Tina oversees the firm's operations and strategy, including human resources, training, facilities, business development, marketing, employee engagement, risk management, and related administrative functions to ensure efficient day-to-day operations and alignment with the firm's strategic goals. As General Counsel, Tina is responsible for the firm's legal and ethical matters, including risk management, compliance with legal ethics and rules, and overseeing the firm's contracts and insurance.

With experience at law firms in both California and Missouri, as well as a private university in Missouri, the diversity of her litigation background enables Tina to assess client's legal issues from a broad perspective. In her probate litigation practice, Tina represents trustees, financial institutions, personal representatives, beneficiaries, minors, the elderly, attorneys-in-fact, children, siblings, and other family members when handling the array of fiduciary disputes that may arise when dealing with trusts or wills.

Tina also offers skilled mediation services for trust and estate matters, helping families and fiduciaries navigate sensitive disputes with compassion and efficiency. With a focus on clear communication and creative problem-solving, Tina provides a collaborative approach to resolving complex issues while preserving relationships and minimizing costs.

After law school, Tina worked at a top law firm in San Diego, California, practicing in the fields of business litigation and trusts and estates litigation. In 2005, she moved back to her hometown of St. Louis and joined the respected and well-known litigation and trial practice group at Carmody MacDonald.

She has been named on "The Best Lawyers in America" annual list in commercial litigation and trusts and estates litigation since 2020 as well as named on the "Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers" annual list since 2018. She has also been named on the "Top 50 St. Louis Lawyers" and "Top 50 Women Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers" lists since 2022. Tina was also a 2026 "St. Louis Titan 100" recipient, which honors the top CEOs and C-level executives who create a lasting impact through their vision, passion, and integrity.

For five years, Tina was a member of the St. Louis Elder Financial Protection Multidisciplinary Team as part of the United States Department of Justice's Elder Justice Initiative. She also served on the Crider Health Center Board of Directors and is a former adjunct professor at Lindenwood University.

Tina lives in South County with her husband, Rob. She has three children, Alex, Kate, and Chloe.

Practice Areas

- Business Law
- Litigation
- Real Estate

- Trusts and Estates Litigation

Awards & Recognition

- St. Louis Titan 100 (2026)
- Best Lawyers - "The Best Lawyers in America" - Commercial Litigation; Trusts and Estates Litigation (2020-present)
- Super Lawyers
 - Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers (2018-present)
 - Top 50 St. Louis Super Lawyers (2022-present)
 - Top 50 Women Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers (2022-2024)
 - Rising Stars (2013-2016)
- Missouri Bar Association Pro Bono Award (2013)
- Missouri Lawyers Weekly Up & Coming Lawyer (2013)
- F. William McCalpin Pro Bono Award, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (2012)

Professional & Community Involvement

- United States Department of Justice, Elder Justice Initiative
 - Member, St. Louis Elder Financial Protection Multidisciplinary Team (January 2017-present)
- Crider Health Center Board of Directors (2013-present)
- Lindenwood University Adjunct Professor - Public Debate (Fall 2016; Spring 2017); Health Law, Health Care Administration and Problems in Health Care Law (Fall 2016; Spring 2017); American Government (Spring 2015)
- Adjunct Professor, Lindenwood University, American Government: The Nation (2015)
- Washington University School of Law Negotiation Team, Coach (2013)
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Publications

- Co-Presenter, National Business Institute CLE, "Trusts in Missouri From A to Z" (May 6, 2025)
- Co-Presenter, St. Louis County Bar Association Probate CLE, "Trust Modifications: A Fool-Proof Guide and Lessons to Learn" (July 13, 2023)
- Panelist, "The Road Less Traveled: What Made the Difference?" CLE hosted by the United States Department of Justice's Joint Commission on Women in the Profession (May 16, 2023)
- Contributing Author, *St. Louis Metropolitan Medicine* magazine, "Guardianships in the Missouri Court System: A Necessary Part of Medical and Legal Practice" (August 2022)
- Presenter, Missouri Baptist University Symposium, "Updates and Problems with Title IX" (October 2019)
- Presenter, Midwest Trust Company, "Practical Problems and Coordination Issues - The Durable Power of Attorney" (September 2019)
- Presenter, Aul Financial, "The Importance of Estate Planning in Today's Litigious World"

(April 2019)

- Presenter, Missouri Baptist University, "Sexual Harassment in Higher Education" (October 2018)
- Featured Speaker, Strafford National Webinars, Fiduciary Duty Claims: Trustees of Closely Held Businesses (June 2017)
- Radio Guest, St. Louis NPR, Interview w/ Don Marsh on protecting families from estate and trust litigation (May 2016)
- Featured Speaker, St. Louis County Bar Association Seminar, Trust Litigation Seminar (May 2016)
- Featured Speaker, Wells Fargo, Recent Trends and Cases (January 2016)
- Featured Speaker, Moneta Trust, Protecting Yourself from Litigation (January 2016)
- Featured Speaker in National Webinar, Estate Planning and the Fiduciary Exception to the Attorney-Client Privilege (May 2015)
- Program Moderator, The Missouri Bar Association Annual Estate & Trust Institute (October 2014)
- Featured Speaker, 9th Annual Fiduciary Litigation Seminar, "The Lawyer's Estate Plan File in Litigation: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (February 2014)
- Featured Speaker, 9th Annual Fiduciary Litigation Seminar, "Mediation in Fiduciary Litigation" (February 2014)
- "Justice Served," Precedent, Missouri Bar Association, Summer 2012, p. 25-26.
- "Vexatious Refusal to Pay Insurance Claims," Missouri Damages, Third Edition, Chapter 17, August 2011.
- "Attorney For The Trust: Does Attorney-Client Privilege Belong to the Trustee or the Beneficiary?" Illinois Bar Journal, Volume 98, October 2010.
- Featured Speaker, Hannibal Regional Hospital "Protecting the Rights of Children" (2009)