

## Six Dowd Bennett Attorneys Elevated to Partner

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Dowd Bennett LLP named six attorneys to its partnership effective January 1, 2023.

“This is a great partnership class. We are proud of the results achieved for our clients by this outstanding group as well as who they are as people,” said founding partner Ed Dowd. Founding partner Jim Bennett added, “These attorneys have contributed to Dowd Bennett in a number of ways: their legal expertise, their ability to meet and exceed our clients’ needs, their unmatched work ethic and their desire to give back to the St. Louis community.”

The 2023 partnership class includes:

### Matt Crane



Matt Crane focuses on complex civil litigation. He represents clients from across a range of industries in state and federal courts and has been a part of some of Dowd Bennett’s most high-profile cases in recent years. Matt has been recognized by Super Lawyers® as a “Rising Star” in business litigation every year since 2018, and he received the “Up & Coming” award from the Missouri Lawyers Weekly in 2017. Before joining Dowd Bennett, Matt clerked for the Honorable Laura Denvir Stith of the Supreme Court of Missouri. He attended St. Louis University School of Law.

### Russell Jackson



Russell Jackson defends companies’ products and advertising in trial and appellate courts. He practiced law in New York City for more than 20 years at an international law firm and was a partner in its mass torts group. Russell has taught aggregate litigation at Washington University for nine years and previously taught products liability at Brooklyn and Fordham law schools. He graduated from William and Mary and is a member of the American Law Institute. He was a National Law Journal columnist for nearly two decades and chaired the Products Liability Committee of the NYC Bar Association. In St. Louis, Russell serves on the boards of Jazz St. Louis, the St. Louis Public Library Foundation, and the Friends of St. Louis Public Radio.

### Arsenio Mims



Arsenio L. Mims’ practice concentrates on complex civil litigation, products liability defense, corporate internal investigations, sports law, and matters involving fraud and the False Claims Act. Prior to coming to Dowd Bennett, Arsenio clerked for the Honorable Michael M. Mihm, U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois. Arsenio’s civic engagement is extensive: board member, St. Louis Children’s Hospital Development Board; board member, Guardian Angel Settlement Association of St. Louis; and life member, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated among many other activities. Arsenio is a member of the Leadership Counsel on Legal Diversity’s 2022 Fellows class, and he has also been honored by the National Black Lawyers “Top 40 Under 40” List for two consecutive years. Arsenio was included in the 2023 Edition of the Best Lawyers®: Ones to Watch, St. Louis in the areas of products liability litigation and entertainment and sports law.

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## Adam Simon



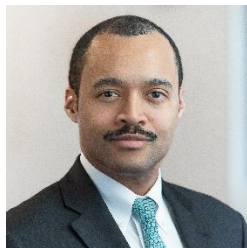
Adam J. Simon has a practice concentrated on complex commercial litigation in state and federal courts. He represents clients across a wide range of industries, including alcoholic beverages, financial services, and manufacturing. His commercial litigation experience includes defending and prosecuting claims involving the Lanham Act, employment class actions, consumer product class actions, copyright and trademark infringement, and misappropriation of trade secrets. Before joining Dowd Bennett, Adam clerked for the Honorable Jorge A. Solis, Chief Judge (Ret.), U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas. He received his J.D. from Washington University School of Law where he graduated magna cum laude and Order of the Coif.

## Arin Smith



Arin Smith represents clients in complex commercial litigation in a wide range of areas, with a particular emphasis on insurance and consumer finance matters. Prior to joining Dowd Bennett, Arin was a senior associate at a leading firm in Washington, D.C. where she represented clients in civil actions and investigations. Arin clerked for the Honorable David B. Sentelle, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and for the Honorable Royce C. Lamberth of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. She received her J.D., cum laude, from New York University School of Law where she served as an Editor of the NYU Law Review.

## Milton Wilkins



Milton Wilkins represents individual and corporate clients in complex commercial disputes and white collar defense matters. Before coming to Dowd Bennett, Milton was an associate at a leading Washington, D.C. law firm where he represented both plaintiffs and defendants in civil actions, individuals in Department of Justice investigations, and companies under investigation and indictment. After receiving his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School, Milton clerked for the Honorable Robert S. Lasnik of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington and the Honorable Frank M. Hull of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Milton is also active in the St. Louis Community, where he serves on the boards of Grand Center Inc. and Jazz St. Louis. Milton has been recognized as a “Top 40 Under 40” attorney in Missouri by the National Black Lawyers for two consecutive years. Milton has also been recognized by Missouri Lawyers Media as an “Up & Coming” lawyer and by Best Lawyers® on its list of “Ones to Watch” in St. Louis.