

MICHAEL GANS, LONGEST SERVING FEDERAL APPEALS COURT  
CLERK, JOINS DOWD BENNETT

*Gans served as Eighth Circuit Federal Appeals Court Clerk for 41 years*

Dowd Bennett is pleased to announce that Michael Gans has joined the Firm as Counsel in the St. Louis office.

“We are fortunate that Michael has decided to join us. His depth and breadth of knowledge of our federal court system is unmatched,” said founding partner Ed Dowd. “To have someone of Michael’s experience will be a major asset to both our clients and to our attorneys.”

Gans is a 1977 graduate of Washington University School of Law. After a clerkship with the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District of Missouri and a term as administrative assistant to three chief judges of that court, he joined the Clayton law firm of Steinberg & Crotzer. In 1983 he was named chief deputy clerk of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and became Clerk of Court in 1991. While Clerk, he helped oversee the design and construction of the Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse and the creation and implementation of automated case management systems for the federal appellate courts. He has been a speaker at numerous CLE programs throughout the circuit, served as chair of the federal appellate clerks’ committee, and, through ten editions, has been an editor of the *8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Practice Manual*, a publication of Minnesota Continuing Legal Education. In 2001 he was awarded the Director’s Award for Outstanding Leadership, the highest award given to federal court employees. He serves as a member of the Board for the Eagleton Courthouse’s Judicial Learning Center.

"I am thrilled to join Dowd Bennett, " Gans said. "I have known many members of the firm, including Ed Dowd and Jim Bennett for years, and I am looking forward to sharing my experience and insights."

Dowd Bennett is a firm of 41 lawyers based in St. Louis, Missouri, with offices in Boston, Denver, Chicago and Dallas.

“Michael Gans held an important, unique job at the Eighth Circuit for over four decades,” said founding partner Jim Bennett. “As our firm continues to grow, we look forward to benefitting from his experience and wisdom on a number of fronts.”

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