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**PRACTICE AREAS**

- Transportation
- Product Injury
- Product Liability

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Missouri - Columbia School of Law
- B.S., University of Illinois - Urbana/Champaign

BAR | COURT ADMISSIONS

- Missouri
- Illinois
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
- United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois

ASSOCIATIONS

- Missouri Bar Association
- Illinois Bar Association
- Fraternal Order of Police Legal Defense Plan
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- The Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- Defense Research Institute
- The Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers

Ashley Benoist is a Senior Associate with Stanton | Barton LLC. Prior to joining the team, Ashley had a very diverse practice that has given her many opportunities to contribute to her community as well as develop her perspective as a legal professional. As the executive director of a Fraternal Order of Police lodge, she represented police officers in negotiations with local government, as well as ensured that officers had representation in internal affairs investigations. This made Ashley uniquely qualified to staff the public safety committee for the Missouri House of Representatives, where she worked as a legislative analyst and drafted legislation inspired by the Justice Department's Investigation of the Ferguson Police Department. During her time as a legislative analyst, Ashley also staffed committees pertaining to economic development, employment, taxation, and labor and industrial relations.

Ashley has since committed her practice to civil litigation and uses her unconventional experience to provide a different perspective in representing the interests of her clients. She has successfully argued dispositive motions and won dismissals for her clients in both Missouri and Illinois courts. She has taken the litigation skills she acquired in local state and federal jurisdictions and expanded to jurisdictions across the country via pro hac vice admission. She continues to represent and advocate for her clients in complex litigation matters. In addition to torts and transportation law, Ashley specializes in matters involving products liability, representing companies who manufacture automobiles, industrial and manufacturing equipment, chemical products, and electrical equipment. Ashley also continues to represent police officers as a member of the Fraternal Order of Police Legal Defense Plan.

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In addition to litigating her own cases, Ashley is the chair of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee at Stanton | Barton LLC. As a Hispanic mother and licensed foster parent, she focuses on community outreach efforts that benefit children who come from diverse backgrounds and socio-economic statuses, such as the Futures for All Scholarship Program. As a senior associate, she also takes great pride in mentoring other associates, being available to answer questions and provide guidance, and help oversee cases.

In her free time, Ashley, her husband, and their daughters enjoy visiting attractions and restaurants around St. Louis. They can also usually be found running to the hardware store to pick up materials for the latest home improvement project.

AWARDS | RECOGNITIONS

- 2021 Women's Justice Award from Missouri Lawyers Media
- 2021 Litigation Practitioner Award from Missouri Lawyer Media
- 2020 Up & Coming Award by Missouri Lawyers Media
- Roscoe Anderson Award for Advancement of Trial Advocacy
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Prosecution Clinical Skills
- Attorney General's Cup Mock Trial Competition, First Place

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Volunteer and Troop Leader for Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. Volunteers to read to children in the community. Frequently serves as a guest judge for local mock trial competitions.