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PRACTICE AREAS

- Transportation & Trucking
- Product Liability
- Business Litigation

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, 1999
- University of Oklahoma, 1996

BAR | COURT ADMISSIONS

- Missouri Federal and State Courts
- Illinois Federal and State Courts
- Iowa Federal and State Courts
- Kansas State Courts
- Nebraska State Courts

ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Missouri Bar Association
- Illinois Bar Association
- Iowa Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Defense Research Institute
- National Institute of Trial Attorneys
- Trucking Industry Defense Association

Before forming Stanton | Barton LLC, Todd Stanton founded Stanton Law Office in 2014 after spending fifteen years at a large St. Louis defense firm where, as an equity shareholder, he served as head of the firm's Transportation Law Group and as its Marketing Partner.

Todd focuses his practice in the areas of transportation and trucking litigation, product liability and general and business litigation. He has tried cases to jury in Missouri and Illinois, and he has successfully resolved countless cases through mediation. Todd has defended product manufacturers and Fortune 100 companies in catastrophic injury cases involving automobiles, trucks, ATVs, pharmaceutical products and medical devices, industrial and manufacturing equipment, and a variety of consumer products. He has also defended toxic tort lawsuits for companies who manufacture consumer products and chemical manufacturing companies. In addition to the defense of product liability matters, Todd regularly defends automobile manufacturer clients in breach of warranty and Lemon Law cases.

Todd received the honor of being named by Missouri Lawyer's Weekly as one of the Up and Coming Lawyers in Missouri in 2007. He has also been selected by Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers as a Rising Star and Super Lawyer in the area of product liability every year since 2008.

AWARDS | RECOGNITIONS

- Member of the Trucking Industry Defense Association
- Member of the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- Super Lawyer in the area of Product Liability from 2008 to the present
- Missouri Lawyer's Weekly Up and Coming Lawyer in 2007
- Distinguished Peer Review Rating from Martindale Hubbell
- Member, Missouri Law Review
- Member, Journal of Dispute Resolution
- Member, Order of Barristers
- Member, Board of Advocates

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- University of Missouri National Moot Court Team
- University of Missouri National ABA Trial Team
- Recipient, R. David Ray and Jacob Y Garret Trial Advocacy Award

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- **Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri**
  Our client received a defense verdict at the conclusion of an automotive product liability trial in St. Louis County, Missouri, where the plaintiff alleged his vehicle experienced a sudden unintended acceleration event resulting in various injuries. The plaintiff claimed he was unable to stop the vehicle during the event, but evidence the vehicle operated as designed and that pedal misapplication was the most likely cause of the accident was found to be more persuasive.

- **Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri**
  This product liability and warranty case, filed in the Circuit Court for St. Louis County, Missouri, involved alleged defects associated with plaintiffs' automobile. The case was tried to jury, and the court directed a verdict in favor of the defendant automobile manufacturer at the close of plaintiffs' evidence.

- **Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri**
  Plaintiff alleged personal injury and property damages associated with a motor vehicle accident, and the case was tried in the Circuit Court for St. Louis County, Missouri. Todd obtained a defense verdict on behalf of the defendant package delivery company, and was also successful in securing a judgment against the plaintiff for the defendant's property damage.

- **United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri**
  This breach of contract action where Todd represented the plaintiff hospital system was tried to jury in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, and, after a successful appeal to the Eighth Circuit, it was tried a second time. The parties reached a settlement during the second trial.

- **Circuit Court of St. Clair County, Illinois**
  This products liability case, based on the allegation defendant's medical device was incorrectly implanted, causing him considerable personal injury, was tried to jury in St. Clair County, Illinois. The case was resolved favorably for the defendant manufacturer after a settlement was agreed to during trial.

- **Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri**
  Plaintiff alleged her home and personal property were damaged by a fire that originated in a circuit breaker manufactured by defendant. This

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product liability case was tried to a jury in the Circuit Court for St. Louis County, Missouri. Although the plaintiff obtained a verdict, the damages awarded were less than what she claimed.

- **Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri**
  This construction defect case where Todd represented the defendant construction company, was tried to a judge in the Circuit Court for St. Louis County, Missouri.

- **Circuit Court of St. Louis City, Missouri**
  This personal injury and property damage lawsuit arising from a motor vehicle accident was tried to a jury in the Circuit Court for St. Louis City, Missouri. Todd was successful in excluding key testimony during plaintiff's case in chief that resulted in a favorable settlement for the defendant during trial.

PUBLICATIONS | PRESENTATIONS

Todd has given a number of presentations to clients and attorneys on a variety of legal and practice-related topics, often focused on transportation, trucking and product liability related matters.

- **Co-author** - *Recent American Trucking Associations White Paper has Further Implications for Keeping CSA Scores out of the Courtroom*, TIDA Winter 2014 Newsletter
- **Co-author** - *The Underride Guard: Controversy and Protecting Your Company*, August 12, 2013
- **Co-author** - *The Accident Checklist: Complying with Mandatory Testing in Illinois*, Illinois Trucking News, Summer 2013
- **Co-author** - *The Price of Nice: Can a Friendly Gesture Create Liability?* April 20, 2012
- **Presenter** at American Conference Institute's Automotive Product Liability Seminar, *Formulating a Document and E-Discover Plan that Defends Against Overly Aggressive Requests and Ensures Compliance and Litigating in an Electronic World*, in Chicago, Illinois in June 2011.
- **Regional Editor and State Contributor** - *Compendium of Law: Bad Faith*, Defense Research Institute Library Series, 2010 Rev. Ed.
- **Presenter** - *PLRB Seminar, Products Liability: From Beginning to End*, in Los Angeles, California, in November 2010.
- **Contributor** - *Product Liability – Case Law Update 2010*, Defense Research Institute, Products Liability Conference Materials, April 2010.
- **Contributor** - *Red, Orange, Yellow, Blue, Indigo, Violet: Full Spectrum of Recent Product Decisions*, Defense Research Institute, Products Liability Conference Materials, April 2009.
- **Contributor** - *Can We Talk? Removing Counterproductive Ethical Restraints Upon Ex Parte Communication Between Attorneys and Adverse Expert*

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Witnesses, Indiana Law Journal, Summer 2001, Volume 73, Number 3.

- **Author** - *Protecting Against Employment Discrimination: The Ninth Circuit's Interpretation of Mandatory Arbitration of Title VII Claims*, Journal of Dispute Resolution, Spring 1997.