

# Rachael M. Dockery

## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

2014-Present

**Missouri State University**, Springfield, Missouri  
*General Counsel*

Serve as chief legal officer for the Board of Governors, University President, Administration, faculty and staff. Represent the University system before internal hearing bodies, as well as federal and state administrative and judicial bodies. Specific duties include risk management; supervising/managing outside counsel; review, drafting and negotiation of all agreements on behalf of University; providing day-to-day supervision of personnel within the Office of General Counsel, the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance, and the Title IX Office.

2010-2014

**CoxHealth**, Springfield, Missouri  
*Assistant General Counsel*

Provided legal advice and services to a regional health system with approximately 10,000 employees. Specific duties include analysis of issues pertaining to Stark law, Anti-Kickback Statute, False Claim Act, HIPAA, EMTALA, ADA, FMLA, etc.; risk management; supervising/managing outside counsel; review, drafting and negotiation of employment, vendor, IT, real estate, educational, and other types of agreements; chairing of various committees related to governmental/regulatory compliance.

2005-2010

**Strong-Garner-Bauer, P.C.**, Springfield, Missouri  
*Shareholder*

As a litigator at a plaintiff's law firm focusing on catastrophic personal injury, medical malpractice, and commercial litigation, handled all stages of litigation from initial filing to appeal.

2004-2005

**Benton County Prosecutor's Office**, Bentonville, AR  
*Deputy Prosecuting Attorney*

Serving as the Child Abuse & Sexual Assault Prosecutor, was responsible for prosecuting all sexual assault cases (typically, a caseload of 90-100 cases) from arrest to final disposition. Negotiated numerous plea agreements, tried several jury cases and conducted various evidentiary hearings.

2003 —2004

**The Honorable Nancy Rahmeyer**, Springfield, MO  
*Law Clerk*

Assisted Judge Rahmeyer by researching, drafting, and editing published judicial opinions, orders, and memorandums.

## **EDUCATION**

### **UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SCHOOL OF LAW**

*J.D., May 2003 — Summa Cum Laude (Rank 1/100)*

#### ***Associations & Activities***

*Arkansas Law Review* — Editor-in-Chief, 2002-03

Board of Advocates — Member

#### ***Awards***

American Bankruptcy Institute Medal

for Excellence in Bankruptcy Studies (2003)

Jim G. Ferguson Senior Scholar Award (2003)

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award (2003)

Outstanding Law Review Case Note Award (2002)

Outstanding Contribution to Law Publications Award (2003)

Trial Advocacy Prize (2003)

Presidential Scholar (2002-03)

#### ***Competitions***

Ben J. Altheimer Moot Court Competition, Spring 2002

- Prize Round Champion; Best Brief; Best Oralist

Client Counseling, Spring 2001

- First Place — Intramural Level, Arkansas
- First Place — ABA Regional Level, SMU
- Fifth Place — ABA National Level, McGeorge

#### ***Publications***

Rachael M. Dockery, Note, *Atwater v. City of Lago Vista: A Simple, Bright-Line Holding Results in Future Fourth*

*Amendment Confusion*, 55 Ark. L. Rev. 577 (2002).

### **UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS**

*B.A. English, December 1999 — Senior Scholar*

Chancellor's & Dean's Lists

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Admitted to Arkansas, Missouri & Tennessee Bars  
National Association of College & University Attorneys (NACUA)  
Southern Missouri Women Lawyers  
Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association (SMBA)

- Board of Directors, Secretary (2010, 2011)

## **PROFESSIONAL HONORS**

### ***Missouri Lawyers Up & Coming Lawyers (2012)***

Up and Coming Lawyers are selected from a statewide pool of candidates. The award criteria requires that nominees are 40 years old or younger or in practice 10 or fewer years. The award honors high achievers epitomizing excellence in the legal community and individuals identified as leaders in the community-at-large.

### ***Missouri Lawyers Women's Justice Award (2013)***

Awarded to women in a business setting, be they entrepreneurs, executives, corporate counsel or other business professionals, who contribute to the improvement of the justice system.

### ***SMBA President's Award (2011)***

Awarded by the outgoing SMBA President in recognition of outstanding member contributions.

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Christ Episcopal Church

- Member (2012-present)
- Christ Episcopal Foundation Board (2017-present)

Ozarks Literacy Council

- Board of Directors (2013-16, President 2014-15)
- Advisory Board (2016-present)

Ozarks Regional YMCA

- Board of Directors (2017-present)