

## Award-Winning Lawyers and Firms

## With new O'Fallon location, Greensfelder builds on Southern Illinois presence

The law firm of Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C. has long had a presence in Southern Illinois, and in 2022, the firm started a new chapter when it relocated to a new office space in O'Fallon.

The move to the new building at 821 W. Highway 50 in O'Fallon provides room for growth in a new state-of-the-art building, as well as close proximity to the interstate and other development in the region. It continues Greensfelder's long-standing commitment to client service and civic engagement across Southern Illinois.

Greensfelder's Southern Illinois office provides services across all of the firm's practice areas, with particular emphasis on serving the legal and business needs of closely held businesses, high-net-worth families and individuals, banks and other financial services companies and organizations, and diverse real estate and litigation clients. Its attorneys strive to further the firm's commitments to equity, diversity, inclusion, and racial justice by taking active roles in community leadership, legal aid initiatives and other civic engagement.

Several attorneys from Greensfelder's Southern Illinois office have been recognized throughout 2022 for their contributions to the legal profession and the community. Here are just a few recent highlights:

• Russell Scott was recognized by Land of Lincoln Legal Aid as the namesake of an award presented at the organization's 50th anniversary celebration in 2022. The Russell K. Scott Equal Justice Award is presented to "a judge or member of the private bar who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in



Representatives from Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C. and the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce celebrate the firm's ribbon-cutting event Aug. 24 outside its new office at 821 W. Highway 50 in O'Fallon.

promoting and supporting legal aid and/ or expanding and improving access to justice for low-income people." Scott has served on the Land of Lincoln Legal Aid Board of Directors since 1989 and led several successful fundraising efforts for the organization during that time.

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• Kevin Vick served this year as past chairperson on the board of the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce, and Kurt Schroeder was named a board member for the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce. Greensfelder is a longtime supporter of the Belleville and O'Fallon-Shiloh chambers and other Southern Illinois business groups including the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce, Waterloo Chamber of Commerce, and Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois.

• **Scott Johnston** was selected to participate in the 2022-23 class of Leadership Belleville, a program of the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce.

This year marked the sixth year for the Garrett C. Reuter, Sr. Foundation's annual golf tournament, created in memory of former Greensfelder Officer Garrett ("Garry") C. Reuter, Sr. Golfers joined at Far Oaks Golf Club in September to raise funds for prostate cancer research and treatment. Greensfelder Officer Garrett Reuter, Jr. organizes the annual fundraiser.

Greensfelder ranked No. 6 in the St. Louis Business Journal's 2022 Corporate Philanthropy list in the category of midsize companies. The list is based on each company's dedication to financial and volunteer support for charitable organizations across the St. Louis and Metro East region.

61 Greensfelder attorneys were recognized in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, including **Russell Scott, Don Schoemaker** and **David Ybarra** of the Southern Illinois office. In addition, Southern Illinois-based associate **Jack Chassaing** was named to Best Lawyers' Ones to Watch list for up-and-coming attorneys in practice for five to 10 years.

A list of the top lawyers in Illinois included several members of Greensfelder's Southern Illinois office. Leading Lawyers are selected in a peer-review process, and the following Greensfelder attorneys were ranked as Leading Lawyers for 2022 for the Metro East area: Thomas Hennessy, Garrett Reuter, Jr., Donald Schoemaker, William Schmitt, Kurt Schroeder, Russell Scott, Kevin Vick, and David Ybarra.



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