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Daniel Tranen is the regional managing partner of Wilson Elser's St. Louis, Missouri, office. Daniel is an accomplished litigator who has handled matters and tried cases across the litigation spectrum and throughout the United States in his more than 25-year law practice. Daniel is licensed in the state and federal courts of Missouri, Illinois, Georgia and Massachusetts, and has previously lived and practiced law in each of these jurisdictions. Daniel currently serves as a cochair of the firm's national Life Sciences and Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance practices.

Daniel is a recurrent speaker for the ABA, DRI, CLM and CPCU and for individual insurers and their policyholders. He writes and speaks about the defense of life sciences companies, insurers in insurance coverage disputes and a variety of other topics in the various practice areas in which he serves Wilson Elser's clients. Daniel also provides risk management and employment practices advice to life sciences companies and other employers, insurers and professionals. Daniel frequently writes and speaks on issues of attorney risk management and the strategic practice of law. He is a co-editor of Wilson Elser's coverage and professional liability newsletters, *Coverage Matters* and *Professionally Speaking*. Daniel serves on the board of "Spread Ari's Light," a foundation that raises funds for services for children with pediatric cancer.

He also currently serves as the chair of the Claims Interest Group for the Society of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters (CPCU) and as a board member of the Saint Louis Chapter of the Claims and Litigation Management (CLM) Alliance insurance industry group.

Life Sciences, Food & Products Mass Torts

Daniel is a cochair of the firm's Life Sciences practice. His primary focus is on the defense of life sciences companies for individual claims and in the area of mass torts. He has been serving as national coordinating counsel handling product liability matters for a major

Services

- Accountants
- Admiralty & Marine
- Cannabis Law
- Class Action
- Collections
- Commercial Contracts & Agreements
- Commercial Litigation
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Construction
- Contractual/Extra-Contractual Liability Litigation
- Design Professionals
- Employment & Labor
- Fidelity/Surety
- Financial Services
- Health Care Law

international life sciences company and its affiliates for nearly 15 years. Daniel's past and current work includes representing clients in mass torts involving the national pain pump litigation, the heparin contamination crisis, dozens of cases involving allegedly contaminated flush syringes, the defense (as local counsel) of NECC in the national meningitis outbreak, and most recently knee implants and cold therapy devices. He has previously defended life sciences companies in cases involving spinal implants, catheters, infusers, stents, IVC filters, dental implants, orthopedic screws and allegedly contaminated allografts. Daniel has twice been awarded trophies for outstanding advocacy by a major life sciences insurer at its annual panel counsel meeting.

In addition, Daniel has supervised several food mass torts, including alleged contamination and food design and labeling defect matters in various jurisdictions throughout the country. He is currently overseeing the defense of mass tort matters involving an E. coli outbreak across eight states, lead poisoning of applesauce pouches, and the recall of a product with an alleged design defect from a health food subscription service.

Insurance Coverage

Daniel also devotes a significant portion of his practice to representing insurance companies in insurance coverage disputes. This work includes representation of insurers in D&O, E&O, CGL, and other third-party and first-party insurance coverage litigation. He handles these matters across the country with a focus on Missouri and Illinois coverage disputes. Daniel has most recently been providing coverage advice to insurers regarding the potential for coverage of the national opioid litigation. He has also been appointed as one of two subcommittee cochairs for the ABA Section on Insurance Coverage Litigation in the areas of food, drugs and products liability. Daniel has found that his work as a defense lawyer for life sciences companies and as an insurance coverage litigator has increased his knowledge and effectiveness in both areas of his practice.

Professional & Financial Institution Liability

Daniel has represented professionals in liability matters throughout his career with a focus on the defense of lawyers, engineers and other design professionals, accountants, appraisers, mental health therapists, real estate brokers and professionals in the securities industry, including FINRA arbitrations. He has helped therapists and lawyers with licensing issues. Daniel also has worked in the defense of medical professionals, other health care providers, including nursing homes and long-term care facilities. He represents banks and other financial institutions in commercial disputes and errors and omissions claims.

Supervision of Downstate Illinois and Missouri Offices

As the supervising attorney of Wilson Elser's office in St. Louis, Missouri, Daniel also handles, tries and supervises a wide range of litigation matters, including appellate practice; premises liability; product liability; transportation and trucking; general liability; maritime litigation; cannabis law; construction defect; sex abuse; employment; and environmental law disputes throughout Missouri and Southern Illinois. Under Daniel's supervision, the St. Louis office also handles the defense of FDICPA and other statutory consumer defense claims, collection matters and a variety of commercial litigation disputes.

- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- Life, Health, Disability & ERISA
- Life Sciences
- Long-Term Care
- Medical Malpractice & Health Care
- Specialty Professional Risks
- National Trial Team
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Professional Liability & Services
- Securities Industry Professionals
- Transportation

Education

- University of Illinois College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1997)
 - editor in chief, student section of the Illinois Bar Journal; dean's list; honors, legal research and writing
- University of Pennsylvania (B.A., 1992)
 - executive board of the Penn Political Union

Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- Georgia
- Massachusetts

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

Professional Affiliations

- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance

- American Bar Association
- ACA International

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America®*, 2026
- Award for Outstanding Advocacy, Medmarc Insurance Company, 2014, 2016
- Selected for Rising Stars / Class Actions and Mass Torts by *New England Super Lawyers*, 2010
- Outstanding Defense Verdict in an Attorney Malpractice Case, *Jury Verdict Reporter*, 2010
- Selected for Rising Stars / Insurance Coverage by *Illinois Super Lawyers*, 2009