

CORPORATE ANNIVERSARY - CELEBRATING 125 YEARS



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Since its founding in St. Louis in 1895, Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C. has grown from a local law firm to one serving clients on a regional, national and international scale. As Greensfelder celebrates its 125th anniversary in 2020, the firm is well-positioned to address the legal needs of all types of business organizations in the industries important to the St. Louis region and beyond.

Our History of Growth

Bernard Greensfelder graduated from Washington University School of Law in 1895. He developed a general civil practice that included representation of hotels, lumber and building materials companies and insurance companies. Forrest Hemker received his law degree in 1927 and joined the firm.

By 1941, the firm was known as Greensfelder and Hemker, but the outbreak of war had trimmed its ranks. It became known as Greensfelder, Hemker & Wiese in 1945. The current name of Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale was adopted in 1989, and the St. Louis office has been located at 10 S. Broadway since 1972.

Greensfelder Today

Our history is a testament to the relationships we have forged. Our clients have chosen us as trusted advisors since 1895. Fueled by that trust, we have grown into a firm of 150 attorneys in St. Louis, Chicago and Southern Illinois.

In addition to the firm's anniversary milestone, 2020 marks the 25th year in business for Greensfelder's Southern Illinois office. Located in Belleville and serving the Metro East region and beyond, the Southern Illinois office has built a reputation for bringing full-service, deep legal expertise and personalized relationship attention to its clients.

The successful establishment of the Southern Illinois office was followed in 2008 with our expansion into downtown Chicago. Today, the Chicago office is a hub of highly experienced attorneys in numerous practice areas, and it also has a unique international presence as the home of the Royal Norwegian Honorary Consulate for Illinois.

With recent additions of satellite offices in St. Louis' Cortex Innovation Community and in Clayton, growth is continuing, even amid the challenges of 2020.

Caring for Our Communities

Fundamental to Greensfelder's core values is community involvement. This has been true throughout the firm's history, with its earliest partners establishing a tradition of service to the community and the legal profession. Our firm is made up of people who care deeply about their communities and show it through action. In 2019, Greensfelder attorneys donated more than 1,400 hours of pro bono legal service, at a value of \$450,000, and the firm sponsored donations totaling more than \$275,000 to charities across our communities. This summer, we were honored to be among the area law firms supporting the Urban League's food and emergency relief distributions.

Equity and Inclusion

Another core value of the firm is equity, and in practice, that means we strive to ensure all are treated fairly and to remove barriers so that each employee's outcome matches their potential. We place a priority on the recruitment of diverse attorneys and community outreach. Our diversity initiatives have been recognized by esteemed groups such as the Association of Corporate Counsel, the Missouri Asian-American Bar Associations, the Hispanic Bar Association of St. Louis, and the Mound City Bar Association.

We are grateful to have reached this milestone of 125 years and look forward to continuing to serve our communities in the decades to come. Thank you to all of our clients, employees and friends from throughout our long history for being a part of our story.

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FROM 1895 ...

... TO 2020 & BEYOND



Since 1895, our attorneys have partnered with clients to provide innovative legal solutions. We are honored to continue our long legacy of support for the region's business community.



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