

Patrick J. Platter earned his Bachelor's degree (A.B., Political Science and Economics) in 1978 and law degree (J.D.) in 1981, both from Mizzou, where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta. Mr. Platter has practiced law in Springfield for over twenty years. He was a law clerk for the Honorable George M. Flanigan of the Missouri Court of Appeals-Southern District during 1981-1982 and an assistant prosecuting attorney for Greene County during 1982-1983. He has been in private practice since then and joined Neale & Newman in Springfield in 2002.



Mr. Platter focuses his law practice upon work-related injury litigation and planning models for employers, land use law, administrative law, and general trial practice. His on-the-job injury litigation practice includes workers' compensation, disability benefit litigation, return-to-work issues for injured employees, personal injury, and litigation in various settings such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, and federal and state antidiscrimination statutes. This practice also includes planning with businesses to develop employment policies concerning these areas. His practice in land use law includes both litigation and work with governmental entities to develop land use practices in the public interest.

Mr. Platter is the author of Chapter 1 (History, Administration and Jurisdiction) of the Workers' Compensation CLE Deskbook for the Missouri Bar Association, has published in the Missouri Bar Journal and Workers' Compensation Law Review, and regularly speaks before interested groups on topics concerning workers' compensation, employment law and return-to-work issues.

Mr. Platter's civic involvement includes serving on the Springfield Board of Public Utilities, 2005-2011 (served as Chairman 2011); and Chairman of the City of Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission, 2000-2003.

He was named in Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers, 2010 and 2011. Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. *Super Lawyers Magazine* features the list and profiles of selected attorneys and is distributed to attorneys in the state or region and the ABA-accredited law school libraries. Super Lawyers is also published as a special section in leading city and regional magazines across the country.

Mr. Platter first visited MU when he was 14 and always finds new reasons to return, such as serving on the Economics Leaders' Board.