

Sherri L. Wattenbarger of Kansas City, Missouri is Chosen as the 2013 Roser Excellence in Bankruptcy Award Recipient

Sherri L. Wattenbarger is a Kansas City, Missouri attorney with very impressive bankruptcy knowledge and experience. She has been chosen to receive the 2013 Michael R. Roser Excellence in Bankruptcy Award from the Commercial Law Committee of the Missouri Bar. The Award was presented to Ms. Wattenbarger at the American Bankruptcy Institute's (ABI) Midwestern Bankruptcy Institute in Kansas City, Missouri on October 4, 2013.

Ms. Wattenbarger is a trial attorney with the Office of the U.S. Trustee in Kansas City, Missouri, which is a component of the U.S. Department of Justice. She received a B.S. degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and she graduated first in her class from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law in 1993. She was a law clerk to the Hon. Pasco M. Bowman, II, of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Ms. Wattenbarger joined the U.S. Department of Justice through the highly competitive Attorney General's Honors Program in 1994, serving as a trial attorney in the Civil Division in Washington, D.C., before joining the U.S. Trustee's Office in Kansas City in 1997.

Ms. Wattenbarger taught bankruptcy law as an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, and is a past chair of the Attorney Advisory Committee for the Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Missouri. She serves on the advisory boards for the ABI's Midwestern Bankruptcy Institute, the Kansas City Bankruptcy Bar Association, and the Credit Abuse Resistance Education Program (C.A.R.E.) for the Western District of Missouri and the District of Kansas, which is a program developed by judges and lawyers to educate high school juniors and seniors about credit, interest, and the dangers of abusing credit cards. She is also a member of the ABI C.A.R.E. Circuit Counsel.

Ms. Wattenbarger is active in the Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City (AWL), the Kansas Women Attorneys Association, the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, and the Federal Law Clerks Society of the Western District of Missouri. She is also member of the board of directors of the Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City and the UMKC Athletic Foundation, and she is a former advisory board member of WIN for KC an organization supporting and promoting women's and girls' sports. She is a recipient of the 2012 U.S. Attorney General's Award for Community Service, as well as a Women's Justice Award for Public Service from *Missouri Lawyer's Weekly*, and was named Woman of the Year by the AWL in 2011.

Since 1994, the Commercial Law Committee of the Missouri Bar, through a special selection subcommittee consisting of past recipients and attorneys representing different geographical areas throughout the state and a variety of practice sizes, has presented the Roser Award to an attorney who manifests the highest standards of excellence in bankruptcy practice, who contributes distinctively to the development and appreciation of bankruptcy law, and who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of bankruptcy practice or administration. The award is named in honor of the late Michael R. Roser, a prominent Kansas City bankruptcy lawyer.