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"YOU KNOW YOU HAVE ARRIVED WHEN THEY PUT A PICTURE OF the guy who you got a \$15 million verdict against on the cover of *Super Lawyers*® magazine because it wasn't more," says *Super Lawyers* honoree Ken McClain.

McClain is referring to the record-setting trucking accident verdict achieved last year in the Central Division of the Western District of Missouri Federal Court, *Garrett v. Centra, et al.* McClain has had Top 100 verdicts listed by *The National Law Journal* six times since 1991.

This year the firm had another record-setting verdict in a personal injury case in which a client suffered serious lung problems due to artificial butter flavoring. The case, tried in the Northern District Court of Iowa Federal Court, resulted in a \$7.5 million verdict for Ronald Kuiper against Givaudan Flavors Corporation—the largest personal injury verdict in that court. This is consistent with the firm's other verdicts of \$20 million, \$15 million, \$15 million and \$2.7 million accomplished in other years.

McClain tried another butter-flavor lung injury case for eight weeks in Cincinnati, which settled just before the jury returned a verdict in June. Additionally, 28 other cases were settled at the same time. "Nothing settles cases like a trial," says Steven Crick, a *Super Lawyers* honoree who tried the case with McClain.

Additionally, Danny Thomas, named to *Rising Stars*, achieved a \$4.5 million verdict in an asbestos mesothelioma case tried in Clay County in May 2009. "Everyone says Clay County is known for low verdicts, but that is not my experience," he says.

In August 2009, the firm achieved a plaintiff's verdict of \$1.5 million against Brown and Williamson Tobacco Company for punitive damages in a wrongful death smoking case. "This is our eighth victory in a smoking case," says Scott Hall, named to *Rising Stars*. Hall worked on that case. "We have more trial victories in smoking cases than any other firm in the country," he says.

The firm's other *Super Lawyers* honoree, Buford Farrington, heads the firm's business practice section. "Having a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate (ACTEC) Counsel head your transaction section really gives us a boost," says McClain.

With four lawyers working in transactions, tax, probate and estate planning, the firm provides a full range of services to a wide range of local businesses, school districts, municipalities and individuals.

"Our local practice keeps us focused on the real-world problems of our community," says Farrington. "In the end, that's what the practice of law is about."

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