

Barrett & Stout Recognized as Up & Coming Attorneys by Missouri Lawyers Media

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Stinson LLP Partners [Alex Barrett](#) and [Kelly Stout](#) have been recognized by *Missouri Lawyers Media* as 2025 "Up & Coming Attorneys." This award recognizes attorneys 40 years or younger in their first 10 years of practice for excellence in their work, leadership and community service. Barrett and Stout are two of 41 attorneys recognized with this award.

Barrett represents clients across a range of industries including banking, private equity, public utilities, and retail with a strong focus on protecting their interests in contested and highly scrutinized environments. His selection as an "Up & Coming Attorney" underscores the steady, analytical presence he brings to his work, combining legal depth with a clear understanding of the business and political realities that his clients face.

"What makes Alex so effective is his balance of legal knowledge and a clear understanding of the industries and political environments his clients operate in," said Stinson's Financial Services & Class Action Practice Division Chair [Chuck Hatfield](#). "He's not just reacting to challenges, he's anticipating them and building strategies to address them before they arise. That kind of foresight is a huge advantage for his clients."

Stout is a trusted corporate finance advisor whose broad transactional experience and deep knowledge of securities law, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate governance makes him a go-to attorney for complex business deals. His steady counsel, strategic thinking, and broad transactional skill set distinguish him as a standout attorney and a trusted advisor.

"Kelly's depth of experience in transaction work is matched only by his ability to translate complex legal concepts into clear, client-friendly advice," said Stinson's Corporate Finance Practice Division Co-Chair [Scott Gootee](#). "He takes the time to understand their priorities, and his thoughtful and strategic approach sets him apart."

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