

# Robert H. Wendt

**A**fter earning his law degree from the University of Missouri, Robert H. Wendt began his career as a Public Defender in St. Louis. After just six months on the job, he won an acquittal in a first degree murder trial, an early indication of this superior courtroom skill.

Bob entered private practice and tried more than a hundred cases with a success rate of over ninety percent. In the late 1970s, he focused his practice on personal injury and continued to be a tough advocate for his clients. He has a long and proven history of achieving verdicts and settlements in FELA, personal injury, and product liability.

In a recent FELA case, the Missouri Supreme Court affirmed a 2.5 million dollar verdict that Bob won on behalf of a railroad worker with hearing loss and inner ear damage due to a defective door seal. A jury found that the railroad was in violation of the Locomotive Inspection Act, and awarded one of the largest verdicts in the history of FELA litigation for hearing loss. In another historic case, a jury in Madison County, IL for a leg injury in an auto accident awarded Bob's client, Virginia Roberts, a 6.5 million dollar verdict. The verdict in 1999 was the largest verdict of its kind ever in Madison County.

A 32-year railroad veteran, and former client, described Bob as someone who *"is honest and tells it like it is. He is aggressive and literally deals the railroad a fit on behalf of his clients."*



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Bob also has a history of support for the labor movement. In 1968, he was part of the team that successfully defended the rights of three top officers from the Pipefitters Union to be involved in the political process through advocacy and political action committees. This right continues today as unions endorse and support political candidates and legislation.

Bob is an avid duck hunter and has a cabin in northern Minnesota where he enjoys fishing, hunting, and water sports. He is a Missouri football booster, and is a St. Louis Blues season ticket holder.

He looks forward to joining the YJBV team and expanding the firm's presence in the St. Louis area. 