

News Release
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John C. Reed of Jefferson City, Missouri is Chosen as the 2012 Roser Excellence in Bankruptcy Award Recipient

John C. Reed is a Jefferson City, Missouri attorney with extensive bankruptcy knowledge and experience. He has been chosen to receive the 2012 Michael R. Roser Excellence in Bankruptcy Award from the Commercial Law Committee of the Missouri Bar. The Award will be presented to Mr. Reed at the Annual Meeting of the Missouri Bar in St. Louis, Missouri during the Awards Banquet on October 19, 2012.

Mr. Reed is a shareholder, officer and director of the law firm Pletz and Reed, P.C. in Jefferson City, Missouri. He received a B.S. Degree from Northeast Missouri State University and a J.D. Degree from University of Missouri – Columbia School of Law. He began his legal career in 1980 as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Missouri. In 1984, he began his private practice career with a law firm in Jefferson City, Missouri. His practice of law is focused on financial matters, bankruptcy and real estate.

Mr. Reed represents both debtors and creditors in Chapters 7, 9, 11, 12 and 13 bankruptcy cases. His clients include numerous banks as well as corporations, limited liability companies and individuals both in bankruptcy courts and in civil courts throughout the State of Missouri. Mr. Reed was appointed to the Panel of Trustees for the Western District of Missouri in 1992 and has served as trustee in thousands of Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases.

Mr. Reed has been a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy topics for the continuing legal education courses sponsored by The Missouri Bar. He is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, Cole County Bar Association and The Missouri Bar.

Mr. Reed also is active in his community. He is a volunteer at the Samaritan Center Legal Care which is an interfaith agency providing legal assistance to people in need. He is also active in the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Mr. Reed is a past president of the St. Joseph School Advisory Board and currently serves on the school's Building Committee.

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.