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**FLORISSANT'S CITY ATTORNEY JOHN HESSEL RECEIVES THE 2022 ICON AWARD
FROM THE MISSOURI LAWYERS MEDIA GROUP**



Mayor Tim Lowery is pleased to announce that Florissant's City Attorney John Hessel has received the 2022 ICON Award from the Missouri Lawyers Media Group.

John Hessel an attorney for Lewis Rice LLC will be honored as a recipient of the 2022 ICON Award from Missouri Lawyers Media, a group of business and legal publications that have been serving Missouri professionals for more than 100 years.

Launched in 2018, the ICON Award is given to attorneys who are 60 years of age and older in recognition of their exemplary careers and commitment to the Missouri legal community. Honorees must hold or have held a senior position with significant decision-making authority for their firm or organization. Hessel is among only 30 other recipients from across Missouri, including founding partners, firm leaders, current and retired judges and former public officials.

John and the other recipients will be honored at the fifth annual ICON Awards luncheon June 29, 2022, at the Missouri Athletic Club in St. Louis. They will also be profiled in print and online in a special section of Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

Over his 44-year legal career, John has received numerous honors and awards, such as inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® from 2009 to 2022 and Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers® from 2009 to 2016. Best Lawyers® has named him "Lawyer of the Year" nine times over the past twelve years as "St. Louis Municipal Lawyer of the Year," "St. Louis Litigation-First Amendment Lawyer of the Year," and "St. Louis Litigation-Municipal Lawyer of the Year."

John represents business clients in commercial transactions and litigation. His diverse client base spans a variety of industries, including service institutions, manufacturers, municipal corporations, financial organizations, publishing companies and local and national media entities. He is also the long-standing city attorney for Kirkwood and Florissant, Missouri. John is a well-respected partner and management committee member of Lewis Rice and has been serving the St. Louis community for more than 30 years.

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John has received a proclamation of civic duty from the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Merit Award from Southeast Missouri State University. He has also served as special counsel for numerous municipalities in St. Louis County. In 2008, he received the Citizen of the Year Award from the cities of Kirkwood and Des Peres and the Medal of Valor Award from Crusade Against Crime, both honoring the brave role he played in the February 7, 2008 Kirkwood tragedy.

“We are very proud of John for receiving this distinguished honor and congratulate him on a job well done,” stated Mayor Lowery.

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