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Practice Areas
Banking & Financial Services
Creditor's Rights & Remedies
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Ania Moncrief practices in McDowell Rice's Litigation & Dispute Resolution and Banking & Financial Services Groups. Although Ms. Moncrief practices in all areas of civil and commercial litigation, the majority of her time is spent representing lenders enforcing loans and defending lender liability claims, and representing clients defending against Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, and related federal and state claims.

Ms. Moncrief handles all aspects of litigation, from initial pleading, through discovery (both traditional and electronic discovery), dispositive motions, trial, and judgment. She has successfully briefed dispositive motions in both state and federal courts, including obtaining judgments for her clients and limiting the issues and costs remaining in the litigation.

Prior to joining McDowell Rice, Ms. Moncrief served as a law clerk for the District Court of Johnson County, Kansas, where she provided legal research and analysis for several of the judges presiding over civil and family dockets.

Ms. Moncrief speaks conversational Polish and French.

Representative Matters:

Cramer v. Equifax Info. Servs., No. 4:18-CV-1078 CAS, 2019 WL 5188942 (E.D. Mo. Oct. 15, 2019) – granting Motion for Summary Judgment in its entirety, including claims under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and Fair Credit Reporting Act. This decision was reaffirmed by the Court by denying the plaintiff's Motion to Alter or Amend the Judgment. *Cramer v. Equifax Info. Servs.*, No. 4:18-CV-1078 CAS, 2020 WL 376289 (E.D. Mo. Jan. 23, 2020)

Cramer v. Equifax Info. Servs., No. 4:18-CV-1078 CAS, 2019 WL 4468945 (E.D. Mo. Sept. 18, 2019) – granting in part *Daubert* motions related to two expert witnesses, which significantly limited the plaintiff's expert testimony on damages from almost $1 million to $14,881.

Maxwell v. St. Francis Health Center, et al., No. 17-4014-SAC-KGS, 2017 WL 4037732 (D. Kan. Sept. 13, 2017) – granting in part defendants' motions to dismiss various claims, including unconscionable acts and practices claim under the Kansas Consumer Protection Act, § 1692e(2)(1), (5) and § 1692f of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, wrongful garnishment, conversion, invasion of privacy, and outrage.

Covington v. Franklin Collection Services, Inc., No. 16-2262-JWL, 2016 WL 4159731 (D. Kan. Aug. 5, 2016) – granting defendant's motion for judgment on the pleadings and dismissing Fair Debt Collection Practices Act claim, and denying Plaintiff's request for leave to amend to assert a new Fair Debt Collection Practices Act claim.

Brooks v. Niagara Credit Solutions, Inc., No. 15-9245-JWL, 2015 WL 6828142 (D. Kan. Nov. 6, 2015) – granting defendant's motion to dismiss Fair Debt Collection Practices Act claim.

Noble v. Noble, 456 S.W.3d 120 (Mo. Ct. App. 2015) – reversing trial court's quashal of garnishments.

Memberships
Johnson County Bar Association

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (2016 graduate of the Ross T. Roberts Trial Academy and 2018 graduate of the Bar Leadership Academy)

Kansas Bar Association

The Missouri Bar

Community
Ms. Moncrief began volunteering at the Independence Youth Court—a juvenile diversion program—in 2000. She continued to volunteer throughout high school and worked at IYC part-time while in college. After she returned to Kansas City from law school, Ms. Moncrief was invited to be a member of the Board of Directors, and is currently the Board's Vice Chairperson and serves on the scholarship committee.

In addition to her work with the Independence Youth Court, Ms. Moncrief also supports the American Mock Trial Association by judging local tournaments.

Education
William & Mary School of Law, J.D., 2012, *magna cum laude*

- Member of *William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law*, which published her Student Note
- Coach of the William and Mary Undergraduate Mock Trial Team

- **University of Missouri-Kansas City**, Graduate of the Honors College
- Member of the UMKC Mock Trial Team, where she was her team’s captain during her senior year and won an outstanding attorney award. She was also a member of the team that placed 8th in their division at the National Championship Tournament during her sophomore year, recognized by a Missouri House Resolution.
- , Volunteer for YouthFriends
- B.A., 2009, *magna cum laude* in History and French, Talent Scholars Leadership Program

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri

U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas

Bar Admissions

Missouri

Kansas