

James Tippin

Attorney/Law

Mr. JAMES W. TIPPIN a native Texan moved to Missouri to attend Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri. He met his college sweetheart, a native of Missouri, and has remained in Missouri ever since. Mr. Tippin is a graduate of UMKC School of Law and is the founding member of his family's law firm, James W. Tippin & Associates. Mr. Tippin's practice focuses primarily on insurance defense work and one of the most satisfying areas of his practice is his trial work. Mr. Tippin is active with The Missouri Bar; The American Bar Association (ABA); the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KCMBA); and the Jackson County Bar Association (JCBA). Mr. Tippin's firm was the first African-American, second generation, family-owned firm in the State of Missouri. It is one of few state-wide recognized minority litigation firms, representing Fortune 100 Companies in litigation matters.

Mr. Tippin has received numerous awards from the profession where he was the first African – American to be so honored, these include: The Purcell Award for Professionalism (The Missouri Bar-2011); UMKC School of Law Foundation-Pat Kelly Service Award (2011); Dean of the Trial Bar Award(KCMBA-2006); Lifetime Achievement Award (UMKC-2005); and Congenial Counselor Award (KCMBA-2002). Other awards and acknowledgements received include: Super Lawyer of Missouri (2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012) President's Award of Service (KCMBA-2003); and Jude Lewis Clymer Community Service Award (JCBA-2003).

He is most proud of his and his wife's family long-standing connection to Lincoln University. The Tippins have been devoted, contributing alumni of Lincoln University, including his service for the past five years on the Lincoln University Foundation Board. Mr. Tippin notes that there has been a member of the Tippin/Fingers families involved with LU as either a student, employee, contributor or volunteer continuously for more than fifty years. The deep connection is destined to continue as his namesake grandson seeks to become the third generation of Tippin's to receive their undergraduate degree from Lincoln University.