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K. Patrick Douglas Receives Highest Attorney Rating

K. Patrick Douglas has received the AV Preeminent rating from Martindale Hubbell for 2022. This rating signifies that the lawyer's peers rank him at the highest level of professional excellence for his legal knowledge, communication skills and ethical standards and is the highest level of peer rating that an attorney can achieve.



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This is the seventh consecutive year that Patrick has received this honor. As a client, you have assurance and peace of mind when you choose a lawyer with this rating. You

know you are in good hands and that your best interests will always be the top priority of your attorney.

Patrick can be reached by calling 417-326-5261 or 800-743-5728.

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Thank you to our sharp cookies

DHH recently celebrated the crew behind the attorneys by providing lunch, gifts and a class on cookie decorating. We can never thank you enough.



When it's not just all bark and no bite.

Dog bite incidents affect roughly 885,000 people, or 1.5% of the American population annually and those numbers are rising as more people are adopting dogs.



Many people think of some breeds, such as pit bull terriers and Rottweilers, as dangerous breeds, but a dog's disposition largely depends on its

environment, its lifestyle, and its owner. A dog of any breed may bite someone if it has been neglected or has grown to mistrust humans because of abuse. Ultimately, dog owners are responsible for the actions of their pets.

Anyone who has been injured or bitten by a dog needs to be aware of his or her rights. In the state of Missouri, dog owners have strict liability, regardless of their dog's history, and are responsible for any damage done to a person by their pets, as well as any property damage done by the animal. If a dog owner is found liable for damages, they face a fine of up to \$1,000, as well as any damages that may result from a lawsuit, including property damage, medical bills, and pain and suffering compensation.

If a dog's owner was aware of his or her pet's history of unprovoked bites in the past and did nothing to prevent further incidents, they could face misdemeanor charges for a subsequent attack. A dog bite that results in the victim's death could result in felony charges for the owner. In these situations, the owner is not only facing criminal charges, but also the possibility of a civil suit for damages caused by the attack. If an owner keeps a dog classified as "dangerous," he or she may also be susceptible to criminal charges.

The attorneys at DHH have extensive experience handling dog bite injury cases. If you or a loved one has been injured, contact our personal injury lawyers today for a free consultation. For more information and additional online resources, go to www.dhhlawfirm.com/personal-injury/dog-bites/.