

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



## John Wilcox

### CURRENT POSITION/COMPANY:

Director/Shareholder/Attorney at Dysart Taylor Cotter  
McMonigle & Montemore, P.C.

### CURRENT LOCATION:

Overland Park, Kansas

### PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

I am a litigator and most of my work involves the defense of motor carriers, truck drivers, third party logistics companies and governmental agencies in wrongful death, serious personal injury and property damage claims.

### PERSONAL INTERESTS/HOBBIES:

Politics/History, travel and all things Kansas City  
(Chiefs, Royals, beer, BBQ, etc.).

## BIOGRAPHY

### SPORT/POSITION:

Football / DT, OT and C

### GRADUATION YEAR:

1990

### MAJOR:

Political Science and  
Psychology

### FAMILY:

Wife - Melissa  
Daughters - Maggie and  
Mary Kate

**Q:** What made you decide to become a MSU Bear?

**A:** I was recruited primarily by Division II and NAIA schools. When Coach Branch offered me a scholarship to MSU, it was a no-brainer.

**Q:** What do you miss most about being a college athlete?

**A:** My teammates. We had a really fun group of guys.



**Q: What is your favorite memory as a college athlete?**

A: There are a lot of great memories. We won at least a share of the conference championship in 1989 and 1990. The 1989 home playoff victory against Maine was awesome. In 1990, we beat UNLV in Las Vegas. That game remains MSU's only win against a BCS opponent.

**Q: One Piece of advice you would give your college-athlete self?**

A: Don't spend all of your time on campus. Get into the community and meet people. Springfield and southwest Missouri have a lot to offer. Expand your horizons.

**Q: How did you manage the transition from athletic competition to the professional world?**

A: Prior to being a student-athlete at MSU, I graduated from Rockhurst High School in Kansas City. My high school and college experiences forced me to develop time management skills and a strong work ethic. These traits eased the transition to law school and the practice of law.

**Q: What was your career goal when you graduated and how has that transpired to today?**

A: I knew that I wanted to go to law school after graduating from MSU. Beyond that, I really didn't know what kind of lawyer I wanted to be. I ended up working in the prosecutor's office for over five years and have been with Dysart Taylor for twenty plus years.

**Q: How do you currently stay competitive or stay in shape?**

A: I never stopped lifting weights. I also enjoy hiking, biking and kayaking with my family.

**Q: Advice for those currently in college competing in regards to their sport an/or their career?**

A: Don't take anything for granted. As the COVID-19 crisis has taught us, nothing is certain and we all need to make the most of the opportunities we are given.

