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## Bartle, Marcus partner in new law firm

Missouri state Senator Matt Bartle and his colleague, David Marcus, announced the formation of a new law firm, Bartle and Marcus.

Bartle and Marcus were formerly partners at Berkowitz, Oliver, Williams, Shaw & Eisenbrandt of Kansas City. Their firm will specialize in complex commercial and securities litigation, consumer fraud, business disputes, product liability and class-action suits. They will represent clients in both plaintiff and defense cases.

Bartle, with 14 years of experience, served as lead counsel in hundreds of arbitration matters pending before the National Association of Securities Dealers. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of Missouri-Columbia, with a bachelor's degree in economics. He attended law school at Northwestern University in Chicago, serving as an editor of the Northwestern Law Review and graduating cum laude. He clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, and began his legal career with the Kansas City law firm Bryan Cave. He joined Berkowitz, Oliver, Williams, Shaw & Eisenbrandt in 1998.

Marcus graduated magna cum laude from Arizona State University with a bachelor's degree in political science. He graduated cum laude from the University of Minnesota School of Law. Marcus began law practice with the Kansas City office of Shook, Hardy & Bacon, known for its work defending pharmaceutical manufacturers and tobacco companies against product liability lawsuits. He joined Bryan Cave in 1997, working commercial cases and class actions involving companies such as H&R Block and Kansas City Life Insurance. He joined Berkowitz, Oliver, Williams, Shaw & Eisenbrandt in 1999, becoming a partner in 2004.

For more information, call (816) 305-6288.

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The 3rd Annual Piccadilly Gala of the Downtown Lee's Summit Main Street Association will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence.

The event includes dinner, live music by the UMKC Student Jazz Trio, a silent auction and a seated Piccadilly auction.

Doors open at 6 p.m. The silent auction will run from 6 to 8 p.m., with bid

sheets placed next to each item. The dinner, catered by Hereford House, will be served at 7 p.m. The Piccadilly auction begins at 8 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will be used to revitalize and market downtown Lee's Summit Main street businesses.

Tickets can be purchased for \$40 at Henry Hollow, Gold-n-Designs, M Culture, KD's Books, The Living Stone, Cameron's and Commercial Federal at Lakewood.

For more information, call (816) 246-6598 or visit [www.downtownls.org](http://www.downtownls.org).

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The economy in Missouri is showing healthy signs.

According to a report issued by the Missouri Department of Economic Development, nearly 40,000 new jobs were created in Missouri during the first six months of 2005.

The report shows that 39,700 new jobs were created from January to June 2005. Over the same period of time, the state's unemployment rate fell to 5.4 percent the lowest rate since February 2003.

Missouri logged \$16.5 million in taxable sales during the first quarter of 2005, which is a 3.6 percent increase in actual dollars over the same period in 2004.

The Missouri Purchasing Manager's Index, which measures new orders, production, supplier delivery times, backlogs, import and export orders, inventories, prices and employment, registered a score of 56 in June. A score above 50 is considered an indicator of an expansionary economy.

A copy of the latest Missouri economic conditions report is available at [www.ded.mo.gov](http://www.ded.mo.gov).

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