



## Board of Aldermen Request for Action

**MEETING DATE:** 11/4/2025

**DEPARTMENT:** Administration

**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution 1526, City Attorney Services

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### REQUESTED BOARD ACTION

A motion to approve Resolution 1526, authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Williams & Campo, P.C. for City Attorney services.

### SUMMARY

John Reddoch and Scott Sullivan have provided City Attorney services for several years. Earlier this year, they notified City representatives that they are working to reduce workload and requested that the City seek different representation on legal matters.

In September, the City posted RFQ#25-17 for City Attorney services. Two responses were received. A review committee comprised of Mayor Boley and all department directors interviewed the two firms. Following interviews, the firm of Williams & Campo, P.C. was identified as the best qualified firm to provide City Attorney services.

Williams & Campo was established to provide legal services solely to municipal and other local government entities. Reference checks indicate a high level of professionalism and responsiveness to clients. The proposal provided identifies Padraic Corcoran as primary attorney and Jackson Auer as back up primary attorney. Founding partners Chris Williams and Paul Campo are on call for additional assistance as necessary. Services will include attendance at all Board of Aldermen meetings as well as weekly attendance at department director meetings. An attorney will also be onsite for office hours four hours per week (typically overlapping with the department director meeting) in order to coordinate with staff on legal matters.

The agreement sets forth an hourly rate of \$218 for services. Additionally, after a sufficient period has passed, allowing both the City and the firm to assess and determine the average number of hours necessary to provide legal services for ordinary matters, the engagement may be recommended for modification to a flat fee monthly rate.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

The firm of Kuhlman, Reddoch and Sullivan previously provided City Attorney Services.

### POLICY ISSUE

General Management

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The FY2026 Budget includes funds for City Attorney services.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Contract |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Plans    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Report                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Minutes  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Request for Qualifications Response<br>Services Agreement |                                   |

## **RESOLUTION 1526**

### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAMS & CAMPO, P.C. FOR CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, city staff has conducted a request for qualifications to identify a firm to provide legal services for the City of Smithville; and

**WHEREAS**, after the completion of the request for qualifications process and firm interviews, staff has made a recommendation for accepting a firm as being the most qualified to provide City Attorney services.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI:**

**THAT** RFQ #25-17 is hereby awarded to Williams & Campo, P.C. and the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign an engagement letter for these services.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Aldermen and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Smithville, Missouri, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

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Damien Boley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda Drummond, City Clerk



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October 17, 2025

Honorable Damien Boley  
Mayor, City of Smithville, Missouri  
107 West Main Street  
Smithville, Missouri 64089

Re: City Attorney Services

You have communicated your request for us to provide City Attorney services for the City of Smithville, Missouri. I am submitting this letter to you to serve as the written agreement for our firm's engagement to provide City Attorney services and other legal services. We look forward to serving as counsel in this engagement.

The City of Smithville will be our client in this engagement. I will be the designated City Attorney for the City and primarily be responsible for this engagement with Jackson Auer acting as the primary back-up attorney. Our rate for this engagement will be \$218 an hour for ordinary matters.

Ordinary matters include items such as attending meetings of boards, committees, and commissions, drafting ordinances, participating in telephone calls and meetings with City staff and officials, reviewing contracts, advising on public works projects, etc.; i.e., basically providing the City with legal representation regarding the conduct of its day-to-day business. Extraordinary matters only include 1) litigation and 2) economic development incentive matters (TIF, CID, TDD etc.), For extraordinary matters, the firm will bill the City at our then-current hourly rates for the classification of the extraordinary matter. Currently, for litigation matters, the firm's current standard hourly rate ranges from \$200 per hour for associates to \$300 per hour for shareholders, and for economic development, our fees start at \$250.00 per hour for associates and range to \$325 per hour for shareholders, plus any reimbursable expenses.

Please note that a matter that is not classified as an extraordinary matter is automatically considered ordinary. We take seriously what we think is our responsibility to provide general City Attorney legal services within the City's budgetary resources, just as you would expect of other City Departments.

Additionally, after a sufficient period has passed, allowing both the City and the firm to assess and determine the average number of hours necessary to provide legal services for ordinary matters, we are willing to modify this engagement to a flat fee monthly rate.

The enclosed Additional Terms of Engagement shall govern the relationship unless otherwise agreed in this engagement letter, but please note the following:

- The hourly billable rate is subject to annual adjustment on February 1 of each year based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as certified by the Missouri State Tax Commission for the preceding year.

If you have any questions concerning the terms of our engagement, or if you ever have a question about our charges or their reasonableness, please contact us at your convenience to discuss the matter. Our engagement as counsel for the City will begin upon our receipt of a signed copy of this agreement. Thank you for choosing us to provide these important legal services to the City. We look forward to a good and productive relationship.

Best regards,

**WILLIAMS & CAMPO, P.C.**



Padraic W. Corcoran

Enclosure

**ACCEPTED AND AGREED:**

CITY OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Damien Boley

TITLE: Mayor

DATED: November 4, 2025

## Additional Terms of Engagement

Williams & Campo, P.C., appreciates the opportunity to serve you. Our goal is to provide legal services that address your legal needs effectively and efficiently through our office in Lee's Summit.

The following information explains the client service practices and billing procedures that apply to our representation of your interests (unless you have reached a different written understanding with us). We encourage you to discuss these practices with our lawyers whenever you have questions during the course of our engagement.

**Provision of Legal Services.** This engagement is for provision of professional legal services, and not for the provision of business, personal, accounting, technical or other advice not constituting legal services. It is agreed that the client is not relying upon counsel in this engagement for advice in areas other than professional legal services, even if such matters should be discussed in connection with the engagement.

**Entire Agreement.** The accompanying engagement letter together with these Additional Terms of Engagement shall constitute the entire agreement between us concerning the engagement, and shall not be modified or supplemented, except in a subsequent writing signed by the parties.

**Subcontractors.** From time-to-time, it may be necessary to engage subcontractors to assist in the provision of services to you. It is agreed that we are not authorized to engage any such subcontractors without your prior approval.

**Periodic Billings for Legal Services.** Unless other arrangements have been made, it is our policy to render periodic statements for legal services on a monthly basis. We normally base these statements on hourly rates of lawyers working on the matter. Statements will be due upon presentation, and are to be paid no later than 30 days following the invoice date. If any statement amount remains unpaid 60 days after the invoice date, the firm reserves the right to terminate its services, consistent with applicable Rules of Professional Conduct.

**Client Disbursements.** Some matters require, from time to time, certain monetary advances to be made on your behalf by the firm. Some "client disbursements" represent out-of-pocket charges we advance, others represent internal costs (including costs such as fees for service of process, court filing fees, deliveries, etc.). It is understood that while acting as your lawyers, we have the authority to use our best judgment in making such expenditures on your behalf. Unless we have made prior arrangements with you, we will send you monthly billings for client disbursements incurred during the preceding month. Substantial individual items in excess of \$250, such as expert witness fees, the costs of deposition transcripts, etc., may be billed directly to you by the vendor of such services.

**File Retention.** After our services conclude, we will, upon your request, deliver the file for this engagement to you. If you do not request the file, we will retain it for a period of ten years after the matter is closed. If you do not request delivery of the file before the end of the ten year period, we will have no further obligation to retain the file and may, at our discretion, destroy it without further notice to you. At any point during the ten year period, you may request delivery of the file.

**Disbursements and Other Charges.** We will also charge you for certain expense items listed below that we provide in connection with our legal services:

Photocopying. We will not charge the City for in-house photocopies which do not exceed 200 copies in a month. If in-house photocopies exceed 200 in a month, then we reserve the right to charge \$0.10 per page (or our cost, whichever is less) but only for each page over 200 in number. If the need for an outside copying job arises, we only bill the actual cost incurred for photocopying without markup.

Computer Research. We do not charge for our service agreement with Westlaw in which we have computerized legal research access to Missouri, 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit (federal) and U.S. Supreme Court databases, as well as databases for the Missouri and federal statutes, among others. In the event that computerized research in databases other than these is necessary, the actual cost we incur is charged without markup.

Telecommunications. We do not charge for local or long-distance phone calls or facsimiles.

Mail/Messengers. We do not charge for regular mail; however, bulk mailings, packages and special postal services may be charged at our actual cost. Messengers are used as appropriate to assure expedited delivery. The actual cost of such messenger services is charged without markup.

Internet Usage. We may be asked to use the Internet as a means for communicating about matters concerning your representation. Any such communication could be randomly intercepted and otherwise used or disclosed by anyone, including someone specifically interested in your matter or business. This could cause you to lose your confidentiality and attorney/client privilege protections. However, to facilitate your representation, you approve the use of Internet communications during your representation by us unless we are instructed otherwise.

**Termination of Services.** In the event that you choose to terminate our services, please advise us of such in writing. We retain the right to cease performing legal services and to terminate our legal representation for any reason consistent with ethical rules, including conflicts of interest or the failure to pay legal fees and expenses when due. Our termination or your termination of services does not affect your obligation to pay legal fees and expenses incurred prior to the effective date of such termination.

**Questions.** One of our goals is to ensure that legal services are delivered effectively and efficiently, and that all billings are accurate and understandable. Please direct any questions about services, billing, or payment status of your account to Padraic Corcoran.



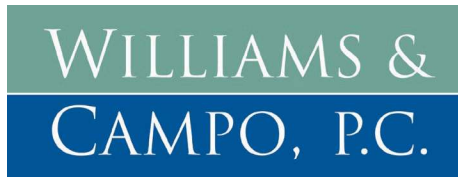
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RFQ #25-17

Response to Request for Qualifications  
for City Attorney Services

City of Smithville, Missouri

October 3, 2025



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October 3, 2025

City of Smithville  
Attn: Cynthia Wagner, City Administrator  
107 W. Main Street  
Smithville, Missouri 64089

Re: Request for Qualifications for City Attorney Services – RFQ #25-17

Dear Ms. Wagner:

We are pleased to have this opportunity to respond to the request for qualifications for City Attorney services for the City of Smithville. We believe that the City will find we are uniquely qualified to provide the desired legal services.

**1. Interest and Relevant Experience**

Our firm was established for the express purpose of and is devoted to the representation of municipalities and other local government entities. Chris Williams and Paul Campo were formerly with the Public Law/Finance Division of Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP (and its predecessor, Stinson Mag & Fizzell, P.C.) prior to forming the firm in August 2005. I became a shareholder at the firm in 2021. In part, the firm was founded to avoid continuing conflict of interest situations that resulted from trying to represent municipalities within the big firm setting that had such a large and diverse client base - clients that were sometimes adverse to the municipalities we represented. Additionally, Mr. Williams and Mr. Campo wanted to have more control and flexibility in setting our fee structure, since we are mindful that we are compensated with public dollars. Thus, in establishing Williams & Campo, P.C., we offer the “big firm” expertise, but with the flexibility and lower overhead of a smaller, boutique firm. Our goal is to always provide a cost-effective, timely and quality work-product.

*City Attorney & General Municipal Law Matters*

The knowledge and experience we have gained from city attorney representations along with our special legal counsel work for numerous other municipalities has enabled us to develop a high level of knowledge not only with regard to local government law but also with regard to the practical application of the law in a wide variety of situations faced by our clients. This knowledge enables us to provide timely advice to our municipal clients on issues such as the authority of the entity to take actions, proper form and procedure for taking actions, applicability of the Missouri Open Records and Meetings Act, governing body procedures for conducting

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business, extent of authority to impose taxes and fees, provision of utility services, rules and regulations regarding the construction of public works, land use matters etc.

All of the attorneys in our firm are experienced in advising municipal clients on general employment law. We also work closely with legal counsel for a city's insurance carrier on employment matters where there is the potential for litigation over such issues given that most of these types of claims are covered by insurance. Nonetheless, the cities that we provide city attorney services for collectively have approximately 500 employees. We are, therefore, responsible for providing – and do provide – employment law advice and counseling on the full range of human resources employment law matters, including issues such as wage and hour, family leave, disability laws, discipline/termination, and preparing/amending personnel manuals.

#### *Litigation Matters*

We provide full litigation services to our municipal clients, including administrative tribunals, and trial and appellate work. In appropriate cases, we will work with the City's insurance defense counsel on litigation matters that are covered by the City's insurance carrier. For those matters that are not covered by insurance, we serve as the City's legal counsel and handle the litigation.

We have previously represented the City of Springfield, Missouri in federal court against claims brought under the federal Fair Housing Act arising out of a rezoning denial connected with a tiny home village designed for disabled homeless persons. We also are currently handling acquisition aspects, and in particular eminent domain, related to the joint municipal utility commission known as the Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission's 36 mile water line project. Recently, we successfully defended the City of Belton, Missouri, in a matter involving a breach of contract claim. The firm successfully secured summary judgment for the City that the Western District Court of Appeals upheld following our briefing and oral argument.

#### *Economic Development & Finance Matters*

The attorneys in our firm are experienced in advising our municipal clients on public finance matters. We have substantial experience in all types of economic development matters including tax increment financing, community improvement districts, neighborhood improvement districts, enterprise zones, transportation development districts, and state tax increment financing. This work for our municipal clients enables us to share ideas and experiences of other communities with you to help us both achieve the best results on your economic development efforts.

Our success in assisting our municipal clients in the use of economic development incentive programs goes beyond the numbers and statistics and is based not only on our working knowledge of the law but also on our ability to establish and maintain close working relationships with each of the City's staff and elected and appointed officials that we serve.

We view ourselves as members of the City's team on economic development and related matters. Additionally, we maintain excellent working relationships with outside bond counsel, bond underwriters, and financial advisors/consultants who also work on economic development projects for our municipal clients. While we serve as advocates for the City in the economic development process, we also recognize that a balance must be maintained between the public-private partnership that results from the use of these programs and the City's need to ensure that the public funds involved in these projects are used appropriately.

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## **2. Availability**

Our firm consists of four attorneys who have dedicated their careers to representing only local government entities. The firm is in the process of hiring a fifth attorney. I would serve as the primary contact at our firm for the City and would handle the day-to-day work, communications and attendance at City meetings. Jackson Auer would be the primary backup attorney. The resumes of each of us are included herein. In addition to Jackson and I principally providing the City with City Attorney services, Mr. Williams and Mr. Campo would assist in matters as needed and when the matter or issue directly involves areas where they are subject matter experts. While the firm believes that designating a primary and backup attorney is necessary, when a city engages the firm, the city engages the entire firm and receives the services and expertise of all of us.

## **3. Background and Training**

The attorneys at our firm regularly publish articles and provide presentations on matters ranging from the Fair Labor Standards Act to public contracting for entities such as the Mid-America Regional Council, Missouri Municipal Attorneys Association, Missouri Municipal League, Missouri Economic Development Financing Association, Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association, Missouri Government Finance Officers Association, and Missouri Rural Water Association.

## **4. References**

We value the working relationships we have established with all of our local government clients. As requested by the request for qualifications, we have also identified individuals on the enclosed document entitled “Client References” that you may contact regarding our work. We encourage you to contact them regarding our capabilities and their experiences in working with us. We would be happy to provide additional references upon your request.

## **5. Disclosure**

The goal of our firm is to be the legal counsel of choice in the area for local government entities. One benefit to you of this is that we do not typically encounter conflicts of interest that may occur with other firms as a result of their representation of developers, banks and other private parties. It is not our practice to represent private parties and, in particular, landowners or developers, whether in Smithville or elsewhere. Our firm’s attorneys do not represent any applicants for approvals before the City. Consequently, we do not foresee that our firm would have a conflict of interest in our representation of the City of Smithville, either now or in the future.

Neither our Firm nor any of our employees have filed any litigation in which a city or one of its employees was named as a party.

## **6. Special Considerations**

Of particular note is that our firm currently represents various cities located in the northland (Gladstone, Riverside, Kearney, and Excelsior Springs). Based on the experiences

gained from these clients, we have a unique understanding and familiarity with the issues facing communities in this growing part of the Kansas City Metro Area.

The services listed in the RFQ are the areas of law that we focus on for our local governmental clients and which we practice in daily. Our experience in these areas of municipal law enables us to often appropriately advise our local government clients – in a cost-effective manner – on these issues to help ensure compliance with all applicable requirements so that the actions taken are legally defensible. That is why we are proud to describe what we do as “providing legal solutions for local governments.”

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with our qualifications. We are excited about the opportunity to put our knowledge and experience to work for the City of Smithville. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have questions or need additional information.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAMS & CAMPO, P.C.

Padraic W. Corcoran

Enclosures

# Resumes

## PADRAIC W. CORCORAN

### General Overview

Padraic Corcoran is a shareholder at the firm practicing in the areas of general municipal, land use, litigation, eminent domain, real estate development/redevelopment (economic incentives) law, and utility law. Padraic graduated from the University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law where he made the Dean’s List all six semesters, finished in the top 15% of his class, and earned his juris doctor *cum laude*.

He currently serves as the City Counselor for the city of Cameron, Missouri and City Attorney for the City of Belton, Missouri. Additionally, a significant portion of Padraic’s practice is spent representing municipalities, public water supply districts, and other public utility service providers as general counsel and special, project-specific counsel.

### Education

University of Missouri – Kansas City, J.D., 2015, *cum laude*

- Staff and Senior Staff Member the *UMKC Law Review*
- Staff and Senior Staff Member, *The Urban Lawyer*
- Staff and Senior Staff Member, *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*

University of Kansas, B.A. in History, 2012

### Bar Admissions

Missouri, 2015

### Lectures

Padraic regularly gives presentations on topics including the Public Contracting, Medical and Adult-Use Marijuana under the Missouri Constitution, Sunshine Law, Economic Development, Condemnation, Nuisance Abatement, Public Utility Law, Land Use, and Ethics, to groups such as the Mid-America Regional Council, Missouri Municipal Attorneys Association, Missouri Municipal League, Missouri Economic Development Financing Association, Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association, Missouri Government Finance Officers Association, and Missouri Rural Water Association.

### Articles/Publications

“Northeastern Rural Electric Membership Corp. v. Wabash Valley Power Ass’n, Inc. 707 F.3d 883 (7th Cir. 2013),” 45 URB. LAW 514 (Spring 2013)

“Ex parte Lo, 2013 WL 5807802 (Tex. Crim. App. 2013),” 46 URB. LAW. 446 (Spring 2014).

“Dukes of Hazard: Rule 23(A)(2) Commonality Post *Wal-Mart v. Dukes*,” 4 *UMKC Law Review De Jure* 6 (Spring 2016)

“Medical Marijuana and Amendment 2,” *Missouri Municipal Review* (April 2019).

## PAUL A. CAMPO

### General Overview

Paul Campo is a founding shareholder of the firm practicing in the areas of general municipal, land use, litigation, eminent domain, and real estate development/redevelopment (economic incentives) law. He formerly practiced in the Public Law Group of Stinson, Mag & Fizzell, P.C. and the Public Law/Finance Division of Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP. Prior to law school, Paul served three years active duty in the United States Army. Upon graduating law school, Paul served as law clerk to the Honorable William Ray Price Jr., then Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Missouri.

Paul serves as the City Attorney for the cities of Riverside, Excelsior Springs, and Lone Jack, Missouri, as the County Counselor for Cass County, Missouri. Paul served as an Adjunct Professor at the UMKC School of Law teaching Land Use Law in 2006 and 2007.

### Education

University of Missouri – Kansas City, J.D., 1999, *with distinction*

- Editor-in-Chief of the *UMKC Law Review*
- Staff Member, *The Urban Lawyer*

University of Missouri – Kansas City, B.A. in Administration of Justice, 1996

### Bar Admissions

Missouri, 1999 (#48611)

Kansas, 2000 (#19658)

### Professional Affiliations

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Missouri Municipal Attorney's Association (2019-2020)

Member, Board of Directors, Missouri Municipal League (2018 – present)

### Community Involvement and Personal Interests

Finance Committee, Our Lady of the Presentation Parish, Lee's Summit, Missouri (2004-2011)

Cross-County Coach, Our Lady of the Presentation School (2014-2016)

Board of Directors, Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City (2002 to 2006)

Past President, UMKC Law Alumni Association (2008)  
Avid Cyclist

### **Lectures/Speeches**

Paul has given dozens of presentations on topics including the Fair Labor Standards Act, Sunshine Law, Community Improvement Districts, Annexation, Land Use, and Ethics, to groups such as the Mid-America Regional Council, Missouri Municipal Attorneys Association, Missouri Municipal League, Missouri Economic Development Financing Association, Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association, Missouri Government Finance Officers Association, and Kansas City Missouri Bar Association.

### **Articles/Publications**

- “Police Departments,” II Mo. Local Government Law, Chapter 15 (MoBar 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 2002).
- “1A Missouri Practice, Methods of Practice”, Ch. 12 *Zoning* (4th ed. 2001) (with Stephen P. Chinn and Catherine M. Hauber).
- “Law Enforcement Issues and the FLSA,” 56 *Journal of the Missouri Bar* 336 (2000).
- “Nuisance Vehicle Abatement in Missouri,” *Local Government Law Journal*, Volume II, No. 1 (August 2000) (with William Moore).
- “The Need For Reform of Missouri’s Peace Officer Training Statutes: A Historical, Economic and Legal Perspective,” 66 *UMKC Law Review* 681 (1998).

## T. CHRIS WILLIAMS

### General Overview

Chris Williams is a founding shareholder of the firm practicing in the areas of general municipal, land use planning and zoning, annexation, public facility/infrastructure financing, and real estate development/redevelopment (economic incentives) law. He was formerly a shareholder in the Public Law Group of Stinson, Mag & Fizzell, P.C. and a partner in the Public Law/Finance Division of Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP from 1997-2005. Prior to entering private practice, he served as a full-time in-house Assistant City Attorney with the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri from 1992-97. Prior to attending law school, he served in various supervisory and management positions at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City from 1981-89.

Chris serves as the City Counselor for the city of Gladstone, Missouri, as the City Attorney for the cities of Oak Grove and Richmond, Missouri, and as the Village Attorney for Unity Village, Missouri. He also serves as general counsel to the Lee's Summit Industrial Development Authority and the Neosho Transportation Development District.

### Education

University of Missouri – Kansas City, J.D., 1992

- Member of UMKC LAW REVIEW staff
- Research Editor, THE URBAN LAWYER

University of Central Missouri, B.S. in Business Administration, 1981

### Bar Admissions

Missouri, 1992 (#40808)

Kansas, 1993 (#15932)

### Professional Affiliations/Honors

Missouri Municipal Attorneys Association

- Lou Czech Award recipient (2015)
- President (2009-10); Vice President (2008-09); Treasurer (2007-08)

Missouri/Kansas *Super Lawyer*, Government/Cities/Municipalities (2006-10)

The Missouri Bar, Local Government Law Committee

International Municipal Lawyers Association

## **Civic and Community Involvement**

Centurions Leadership Program of Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce,  
Class of 2003

Lee's Summit Economic Development Council, Member of Advisory Board (2002-05)

Boy Scout Troop 264

- Troop Committee Chairman (2004-09)
- Silver Acorn Award recipient
- Sam Hibbard "Scouter of the Year" Award recipient

## **Lectures/Speeches**

Chris is a frequent speaker on local government law, development and public financing issues. He has spoken at conferences and continuing legal education programs sponsored by the Missouri Economic Development Financing Association, Missouri Municipal League, Missouri Municipal Attorneys Association, West Gate Division of the Missouri Municipal League, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Liberty Partnership for Community Growth and Development, The Missouri Bar Local Government Law Committee, City Clerks and Finance Officers Association of Missouri, Missouri City Management Association, Missouri Valley Institute of Transportation Engineers, Mid America Regional Council, League of Women Voters, East-West Gateway Coordinating Council of St. Louis, American Planning Association Kansas City Metropolitan Section, and the Missouri Tax Increment Financing Association.

## **Articles/Publications**

Chris has authored articles and papers appearing in publications such as *The Missouri Bar Real Estate Practice* desk book (chapter on Missouri annexation law), *Missouri Municipal Review* magazine, *Courts and CLE Bulletin*, and *The Urban Lawyer*.

## JACKSON AUER

### General Overview

Jackson Auer is an associate attorney of the firm. Before joining the firm as an associate, he served as law clerk for the firm for one-year assisting in projects in the areas of general municipal, land use, eminent domain, real estate development, and utility law. Jackson graduated from the University of Missouri – Columbia School of Law where he made the Dean’s list four times.

While in law school, Jackson participated in a comparative law study abroad program with the University of Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa where alongside South African law students he compared and contrasted the legal systems of the United States and South Africa. Before law school Jackson attended Missouri State University where he was a member of the Missouri State Women’s Basketball Scout Team.

### **Education**

University of Missouri – Columbia, J.D., 2024

- Pro Bono Certificate Recipient
- Comparative Law Study Abroad Program Participant

Missouri State University, B.A. in Administrative Management, 2020

- Member of the Missouri State Women’s Basketball Scout Team

### **Professional Affiliations**

Missouri Municipal Attorneys Association  
The Missouri Bar, Young Lawyers Section

### **Bar Admissions**

Missouri, 2024

# References and Representative Clients



We value the working relationships we have established with all of our local government clients. As requested, we have identified individuals that you may contact regarding our work. We encourage you to contact them regarding our capabilities and their experiences in working with us. In addition, a list of our representative clients is attached.

Mr. Bob Baer  
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Sheila Ernzen  
City Administrator  
City of Kearney, Missouri  
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Joe Warren  
City Manager  
City of Belton, Missouri  
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Megan Miller  
Director  
Gilmore & Bell P.C.  
[mmiller@gilmorebell.com](mailto:mmiller@gilmorebell.com)  
(816) 218-7520

## REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

|                                               |                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <i>76 Entertainment CID (Branson)</i>         | <i>City of Richmond, Missouri</i>                  |
| <i>Cass County, Missouri</i>                  | <i>City of Riverside, Missouri</i>                 |
| <i>Caldwell County, Missouri</i>              | <i>Spruce Township (Bates County)</i>              |
| <i>City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri</i>    | <i>City of St. Joseph, Missouri</i>                |
| <i>City of Belton, Missouri</i>               | <i>Clay County Children's Services Fund Bd.</i>    |
| <i>City of Kearney, Missouri</i>              | <i>Downtown Kansas City CID</i>                    |
| <i>City of Cameron, Missouri</i>              | <i>Inter City Fire Protection District</i>         |
| <i>City of Cleveland, Missouri</i>            | <i>Jackson County Drug Task Force</i>              |
| <i>City of Gladstone, Missouri</i>            | <i>Walker Township (Henry County)</i>              |
| <i>City of Springfield, Missouri</i>          | <i>Lee's Summit Indus. Dev. Authority</i>          |
| <i>City of Joplin, Missouri</i>               | <i>Neosho TDD</i>                                  |
| <i>City of Lake Tapawingo, Missouri</i>       | <i>South Metro Fire Protection District</i>        |
| <i>City of Lone Jack, Missouri</i>            | <i>Unity Village, Missouri</i>                     |
| <i>City of Oak Grove, Missouri</i>            | <i>Noel T. Adams Mem. Ambulance District</i>       |
| <i>City of Warsaw, Missouri</i>               | <i>6880 N. Oak Tfwy. CID (Gladstone)</i>           |
| <i>City of Raytown, Missouri</i>              | <i>6990 N. Oak Tfwy. CID (Gladstone)</i>           |
| <i>East Lathrop CID</i>                       | <i>U.S. 36 &amp; Bob Griffin CID (Cameron)</i>     |
| <i>Joplin Sports Facility CID</i>             | <i>32<sup>nd</sup> Street Theatre CID (Joplin)</i> |
| <i>Atchison County Wholesale Water Comm'n</i> | <i>PWSD No. 1 of Andrew County</i>                 |
| <i>Great NW Wholesale Water Comm'n</i>        | <i>PWSD No. 1 of Holt County</i>                   |
| <i>Midwest Public Risk</i>                    | <i>Tarkio Board of Public Works</i>                |