

JENNIFER M. BAIRD

General Overview

Jennifer Baird practices in the areas of general municipal, land use planning and zoning, public facility/infrastructure construction and financing, litigation, eminent domain, real estate/redevelopment (economic incentives law), and annexation law. Most recently, she served as Assistant City Attorney for Lee's Summit, Missouri, from 2004 to 2008, with a focus on development related legal issues. In addition she worked with the City's Parks and Recreation, Human Resources, Administration and Purchasing Departments on general municipal issues. Prior to obtaining her law degree, Jennifer worked as a paralegal for the law firms of Polsinelli, White, Vardeman & Shalton and White Goss Bowers March Schulte & Weisenfels P.C., from 1997 to 2001, specializing in development related legal issues.

Education

University of Missouri – Kansas City, J.D., 2004; Moot Court Board - Coordinator

University of Missouri – B.S. in Business Administration, 1995

Bar Admissions

Missouri, 2004

Professional Affiliations

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

Missouri Municipal Attorneys Association

Missouri Economic Development Finance Association

The Missouri Bar

Relevant Legal Experience

- Worked as part of the economic development team which reviewed and analyzed numerous large development projects in Lee's Summit involving significant land use and public finance issues, as well as public infrastructure challenges.

- Served as legal counsel to the Lee's Summit Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustment from 2006-2008.
- Provided legal advice and drafted necessary development contracts and other legal documents for the Lee's Summit Planning Commission and Planning Department.
- Prepared legal documents for the formation of Community Improvement Districts and Transportation Development Districts while working as a paralegal.
- Reviewed Community Improvement District and Transportation Development District petitions on behalf of municipalities. Assisted with preparing and presenting ordinances and staff reports for public hearings before various boards, commissions, councils or court.
- Conducted training seminars regarding the Missouri Sunshine Law and Professionalism in the Workplace to various City of Lee's Summit departments.
- Assisted various communities with drafting and approving Identity Theft Prevention Plans in order to comply with the Red Flag Rule.
- Provided the cities of Greenwood and Lawson with Identity Theft Prevention training.