

JOANNE GRAHAM ELLSWORTH

General Overview

Joanne Graham Ellsworth practices in the areas of general municipal, public infrastructure construction and financing, land use planning and zoning, and real estate/redevelopment (economic incentives law). Most recently, she served as in-house City Attorney for Raytown, Missouri from 2001 to 2005. Previously, she was City Attorney for Lee's Summit, Missouri, where she worked as full-time counsel from 1994 to 2001. Prior to entering law school, Joanne worked in the insurance industry as an underwriter.

Education

University of Missouri – Kansas City, J.D., 1994; Member -- *UMKC Law Review*

University of Kansas – B.A. in History, 1989

Bar Admissions

Missouri, 1994

Professional Affiliations

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
Local Government Committee, *Chair 2004-2005*

Missouri Municipal Attorneys Association
President 2005-2006

The Missouri Bar, Local Government Law Committee

Civic and Community Involvement

Member, Board of Directors, Alex J. Coleman Foundation
Volunteer, American Association of Women, Women in Math Seminar
Volunteer, Raytown High School, Partners in Education Day

Lectures/Speeches

Joanne is a frequent speaker regarding the Missouri Sunshine Law and other topics of interest to local government officials. She has spoken at the Missouri Municipal League Annual Conference, Missouri Municipal League Newly Elected Officials Conference, the City Clerks and Finance Officers Association of Missouri Annual Conference, and the American Public Works Association Annual Conference.

Articles/Publications

Joanne is the author of an article published in the *University of Kansas City Law Review* regarding the Missouri Hancock Amendment.