

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.

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

Kansas, 1993

Professional Affiliations/Honors

Missouri Municipal Attorneys Association

- President (2009-10); Vice President (2008-09); Treasurer (2007-08)

Missouri/Kansas *Super Lawyer*, Government/Cities/Municipalities (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010)

The Missouri Bar, Local Government Law Committee

Civic and Community Involvement

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

St. Joseph DREAM Initiative, Finance Committee

Liberty Partnership for Community Growth and Development, Member
Blue Springs Economic Development Corporation, Founding Member
Lee's Summit Economic Development Council, Member of Advisory Board (2002-05)
Missouri Economic Development Financing Association, Member
Missouri Economic Development Council, Member
Boy Scout Troop 264, Troop Committee Chairman (2004-09)
Lee's Summit United Methodist Church, Master Planning Task Force Member
Lee's Summit United Methodist Church, Land Task Force Member

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*.