



James Rixey Ruffin

COUNSEL IN ST. LOUIS, MO

Rixey was a professor of early American history before entering the legal profession. He was as a lecturer and author that he honed his ability to make information comprehensible and meaningful to his audience. He now brings those same skills of effective communication to representing his clients, as he did to academia.

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Family Owned Business

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Businesses

Nonprofits & Foundations

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Illinois State Bar Association

Missouri Bar Association

EDUCATION

LL.M. in Taxation, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law

J.D., Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, *cum laude*

During law school, Rixey served as a staff editor of the *Journal of Law & Policy* and was a member of the Trial Team.

Ph.D. in American History, University of Delaware

B.A., University of Virginia

LICENSURE(S) AND ADMISSION(S)

Illinois

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PUBLICATIONS

Co-Author, "Playing with a Full 'Dec': Justiciability in Declaratory Actions," *St. Louis Bar Journal* (Winter 2019)

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Academic Excellence Award for Accounting for Lawyers

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