



## James Rixey Ruffin

ATTORNEY 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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### SERVICES

Tax Advice & Controversies

Wealth Planning & Individual Services

### INDUSTRIES

Brokers / Dealers & Financial Advisors

Entrepreneurs, Closely Held & Family Owned Business

Minority & Women-Owned 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

Missouri

### PUBLICATIONS

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

### RECOGNITION

2022  
BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA  
Best Lawyer  
Trusts and Estates

2020-2022  
BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA  
Best Lawyer  
Litigation - Trusts and Estates

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS SCHOOL OF LAW  
William M. Pomerantz Trial Award

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS SCHOOL OF LAW  
Academic Excellence Award for Accounting for Lawyers

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS SCHOOL OF LAW  
Seminar in Tax Policy