



Nick Van Deven

SHAREHOLDER IN CLAYTON, MO

Nick is one of the firm's senior land lawyers. He handles a variety of complex litigation matters at both the trial and appellate levels in Missouri, Illinois and the federal system, most of which possess a real estate component.

Because Nick must understand the various transactional intricacies of the real estate disputes he litigates in court, he has also developed a niche for resolving land defects and disputes before suit is filed through informal negotiations and voluntary ADR.

Under the land umbrella, Nick litigates disputes concerning commercial and residential real estate, title insurance, construction contracts and mechanic's liens, construction disbursing, land partition, commercial leases, easements, municipal liability, collections and land tax sales.

He also frequently does work for lending institutions, title insurance agencies and underwriters, real estate brokers and agents, general contractors, commercial land owners, commercial landlords and entrepreneurs.

Aside from real estate litigation, Nick defends consumer protection cases brought under the FDCPA, TCPA and other federal and state consumer protection statutes. Accordingly, he is a member of the firm's Insurance and Professional Liability teams.

Whether working with individuals or publically traded companies, Nick strives to efficiently achieve his clients' unique goals and fosters both loyalty and trust by securing creative, cost-effective solutions for them.

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Outside of his legal practice, Nick enjoys spending time with his wife and being a dad. His two young boys have already shown a predilection for persuasion and advocacy, skills which they hone each day. He is also a sports and music enthusiast and enjoys local concerts, coaching his sons' teams and cheering for the Cards and Jayhawks.

EDUCATION

J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law

Nick also graduated with a Certificate in International and Comparative Law. In law school, he was a staff member of the *Saint Louis University Law Journal* and was published twice.

B.A. in Cultural Anthropology and East Asian Languages & Cultures, University of Kansas

LICENSURE(S) AND ADMISSION(S)

Illinois

Missouri

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri

PRESENTATIONS

"Hot Topics in the Law," Missouri Land Title Association

"Resolving Estate, Will and Trust Contests," National Business Institute

PUBLICATIONS

"On the Hook Without a Word: Title Agent May Create Attorney-Client Relationship between Lender and Attorney Retained by Title Agent/BJJ Investment of South Florida, Inc. v. Southern Title Group, Inc." (October 2018)

"Pursuing and Defending Claims Against Fiduciaries Per the Missouri Uniform Trust Code (MUTC)," National Business Institute (March 2013)

"Introduction: Symposium on the Protection of Children's Rights Under International Law," 22 St. Louis U. Pub. L. Rev. 233 (2003)

"Taking One for the Team: Principle of Treaty Adherence as a Social Imperative for Preserving Globalization and International Legal Legitimacy as Upheld in *In re World War II Era Japanese Forced Labor Litigation v. Mitsui & Co.*," 46 Saint Louis U. L.J. 1091 (2002)

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