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EDUCATION

Washington University School of Law
(J.D., 1994)

University of Pennsylvania, Wharton
School of Business
(B.S., *cum laude*, 1991)

University of Pennsylvania, College of Arts
and Sciences
(B.A., *cum laude*, 1991)

PRACTICE AREAS

Public Finance
Future Energy Group

ADMITTED TO BAR

Missouri
New Jersey
Minnesota

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Missouri Bar
National Association of Bond Lawyers
Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

CIVIC & CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Forsyth School (President, Board
of Trustees)
University Hills Subdivision
(Board of Trustees)
Penn Club of St. Louis (Vice President)

LAW PRACTICE

Mr. Klahr is a member of the firm's Public Finance practice group. He concentrates his practice in the areas of public-private real estate development and municipal finance. Mr. Klahr represents both municipalities and developers in projects utilizing tax increment financing, transportation development districts, community improvement districts, neighborhood improvement districts and Chapter 100 industrial revenue and BUILD Missouri revenue bonds. He has also been involved in the issuance of a variety of publicly offered municipal bonds, including general obligation bonds, special tax revenue bonds and tax increment revenue bonds. With his exceptional ability to negotiate and secure public funding for clients, Mr. Klahr has successfully handled numerous complex projects involving tax-exempt bonds.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Selected as an Up & Coming Lawyer by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*

AV® Peer Review Rated, *Martindale-Hubbell*

Represented the City of St. Louis in connection with tax increment financing of \$8 million for the Saint Louis University arena.

Created the largest TDD in the State, which financed the local share of a \$130 million project to upgrade U.S. Highway 36/Interstate 72 to a four-lane expressway across Northeast Missouri.

Represented the Mills Corporation in the development of a super regional enclosed value and entertainment retail mall in Hazelwood by creating a transportation development district to finance \$47 million in road improvements.

Represented the City of Hannibal in connection with a \$24 million retail development involving \$9.5 million in combined TIF/TDD assistance.

Represented the City of Chesterfield in the creation of a TDD in cooperation with St. Louis County to fund over \$25 million in transportation improvements throughout the Chesterfield Valley.

Represented Opus Northwest in the development of a 350,000 square foot retail development in the City of Dardenne Prairie by creating a TDD to finance over \$18 million in road improvements.

BACKGROUND

Over the past five years, Mr. Klahr has been asked to assist in drafting and reviewing proposed amendments to various State statutes, including the Missouri Transportation Development District Act, the Community Improvement District Act, the Real Property Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act and the Neighborhood Improvement District Act.

In addition, Mr. Klahr represented the Minnesota State Auditor by investigating allegations of misuse of public funds and conducting legal compliance reviews of local government finance.

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

Speaker, "Economic Development Incentives and Public Financing in Missouri," Lorman Education Services (December 2008)

Speaker, "How Public Incentives Can Work for You - And the Local Government, Too," International Council of Shopping Centers Law Conference (October 2008)



PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS (cont'd):

Speaker, "Land Use Approvals and Public Finance Assistance," Midwest Real Estate Summit (August 2007)

Speaker, "TDDs, CIDs and Sales Tax Reimbursement Agreements: Beyond the Basics," Missouri Economic Development Financing Association Conference (June 2006)

Speaker, "Legal Toolbox for Developers and Public Officials; Current Issues in Real Estate Law," St. Louis Land and Development Conference (November 2005)

Speaker, "Establishing TIF Redevelopment Areas and Transportation Development Districts," Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Real Estate Section, Continuing Legal Education Seminar (July 2004)

Co-Author, "How Can My City Benefit from a Transportation Development District?" *Missouri Municipal Review* (October/November 2003)

