



## THOMAS J. RAY

### OF COUNSEL

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Tom Ray is a member of the firm's Financial and Real Estate Services practice group. He concentrates primarily in municipal law with an emphasis on private-public development and governmental finance.

Specifically, Tom represents the City of St. Louis in the formation of approximately 200 tax increment financings as well as other public incentives. He has served as issuer's counsel in more than 150 tax increment financing revenue notes funding in excess of \$300 million.

As counsel to developers seeking public incentives, Tom provides guidance in implementing tax increment financing, abatement, Chapter 100 Bonds, community improvement districts and transportation development districts.

Tom is involved in pro bono activities within the firm, providing legal representation to religious and charitable organizations.

### EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., 1975)
- Saint Louis University (A.B., *magna cum laude*, 1972)
  - Phi Beta Kappa
  - Pi Sigma Alpha

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Missouri Bar
- FINRA (Arbitrator)

### CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- St. Joseph Academy (Father's Club 1993-1999)

### BACKGROUND

Prior to his arrival at the firm in 2005, Tom was employed for 30 years in the Office of the City Counselor-Law Department, which is in-house counsel to the City of St. Louis. He joined that office as a litigator and later held the top positions of city counselor, which is appointed by the mayor of St. Louis, and deputy city counselor for corporate and fiscal affairs. During his tenure with the city, Tom served as general counsel to the

### SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Public Finance

Real Estate

### ADMISSIONS

Missouri

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, Eastern  
District of Missouri

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth  
Circuit

City of St. Louis Port Authority and Lambert-St. Louis International Airport.