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OVERVIEW

Alan helps clients with real estate and development matters, including development incentives, public financing, and land use.

Before law school, Alan worked as a grants manager at a research university, helped run his wife's business, and served as an assistant program director at a summer camp. Each role showed him how the law shapes people's ability to navigate everyday challenges, from managing complex funding to helping a small business get off the ground. Teaching during graduate school sharpened his ability to make difficult concepts clear for people without his same background, and working in settings as different as a university office and a remote wilderness camp gave him a range of perspectives he carries into his legal work.

Real estate and development drew Alan in because of how directly it connects to communities. He wanted to work with people shaping public life in ways that affect neighborhoods and regions for the better. That interest took shape through Saint Louis University School of Law's Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic, where he advised small businesses on entity formation, ownership transfers, and nonprofit and tax-exempt status, and through a legal externship with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where he reviewed multifamily housing closings and public housing matters.

As a summer associate at Husch Blackwell, Alan focused on development assignments, drafting agreements and researching evolving legislation.

Service

Corporate Real Estate

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Known for taking a genuine interest in the people he works with, Alan aims to make complex, technical concepts understandable so clients can make fully informed decisions about their goals.

Education

- J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law
 - *cum laude*
 - 1843 Scholar (Full-tuition Merit Scholarship)
- M.A., Truman State University
 - English
 - Departmental Honors
- B.A., Truman State University
 - English

Admissions

- Missouri