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OVERVIEW

Justin develops creative solutions to help clients maximize tax benefits and investment returns to successfully achieve their goals.

Justin advises developers, lenders, bridge lenders, syndicators, community development entities, investors and other businesses on tax credit finance transactions nationwide. His considerable experience includes the development and redevelopment of:

- Office and retail properties in low-income communities
- Health clinics
- Schools
- Mixed-use developments
- Community facilities
- Hotels
- Factories
- Grocery stores
- Senior care facilities

Additionally, Justin has been at the forefront of implementing Property Assessment Clean Energy (PACE) in Missouri. His detailed knowledge of this rapidly growing area assists administrators, clean energy development boards, developers, and capital providers in jurisdictions that have adopted PACE. Specifically, his experience includes

Industry

Financial Services & Capital Markets

Services

Banking & Finance

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing

Tax Credits

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drafting of assessment contracts, negotiation of financing documents in commercial PACE transactions, program structuring, and statutory compliance. Justin's counsel enables clients to successfully accomplish their goals and have a positive impact on the community through clean and renewable energy.

Experience

- Represented New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) and Historic Tax Credit (HTC) investor and community development entity in rehabilitating historic building in downtown St. Louis into hotel, which included nearly $60 million in development costs.
- Represented NMTC investor and real estate lender in acquisition and construction of public school and related facilities located in Pine Ridge, South Dakota.
- Represented federal and state NMTC investor in construction of 87,000 square foot grocery store and fuel center located in Fremont, Ohio.
- Represented federal HTC investor in connection with $50 million rehabilitation of historic building located in Buffalo, New York, into 313,840 square foot mixed-use building.
- Represented commercial lender in financing of property assessed clean energy (PACE) improvements in connection with construction of hotel located in Kansas City, Missouri.
- Represented clean energy development boards and PACE program administrators in financing of numerous PACE transactions.

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
    - Banking and Finance Law, 2023-2025

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Education

- J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law
  - *magna cum laude*
  - Order of the Woolsack
  - *Saint Louis University Law Journal*, staff and editor
  - 1843 Scholar
- B.S., Xavier University
  - *cum laude*
  - Dean's List

Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois

Community Leadership

- North Newstead Association, Board of Directors

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