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OVERVIEW

William is the fourth generation of Hofs involved in the real estate, construction and development industry.

His family owns Hof Construction Inc., a St. Louis commercial general contractor established in 1911. William himself worked for Hof Construction for many years and was a member of Union Laborers Local 110.

Today, in his legal practice, William continues to use that deep-seated knowledge to focus on transactional matters regarding real estate, development, construction, and financing law.

He regularly represents local, national, and international clients in all aspects of their real estate needs, including:

- Real estate acquisitions and dispositions.
- Office, warehouse, industrial and retail leasing.
- Construction contracting and construction administration.
- Development of complex mission-critical real estate assets and facilities.

"Bill is both creative and calculated in his approach. He thinks outside of the box and is always several steps ahead of everyone else."

— Chambers USA 2026

Industry

Real Estate, Development, & Construction

Services

Banking & Finance
Construction & Design
Construction Litigation
Data Centers

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- Facilities management.

William also has extensive experience representing lenders in commercial real estate loans.

Experience

- Represents multiple manufacturing companies in their plant and warehouse acquisitions, dispositions and leasing throughout the United States and Canada.
- Advises financial services providers in the acquisition and disposition of their branch bank locations.
- Represents the producer of food-service products in its acquisition, disposition and leasing of real estate throughout the United States, including the complex development of a distribution center in Kentucky involving land assemblage, a sale-leaseback and synthetic lease financing.
- Represents several transportation and logistics providers in nationwide real estate leasing, acquisitions and dispositions. Also represented a privately held transportation company in $95 million sale of six river terminals in multiple states.
- Represented the developer in a $95 million construction loan for development of a 17-story office tower.
- Represents one of the largest privately owned dairy producers in the county, in a build-to-suit lease deal for a cold storage distribution facility, including assistance in acquiring the land, selling the land to a developer, and negotiating the build-to-suit lease worth more than $300 million.
- Represented Conagra Brands in the $500 million redevelopment of its Omaha campus.

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Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America®*
  - Real Estate Law, 2018-2027
- *Chambers USA*
  - Real Estate, 2023-2026
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Real estate, Recommended attorney, 2024
- Clayton Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Clayton, 2010-2011
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent
- Missouri *& Kansas Super Lawyers*, Real Estate, Rising Star, 2009-2010, 2013-2018

Education

- J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law
  - *magna cum laude*
  - Order of the Woolsack

    Saint Louis University Law Journal, Childress Lecture editor
- B.S.B.A., Saint Louis University
  - Economics
  - *summa cum laude*

Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois

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