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OVERVIEW

Claire's detail-oriented approach to real estate transactions helps her focus on clients' end goals, partnering with them to solve problems and anticipate next steps.

Claire dots every "i" and crosses every "t" when she conducts legal research, writes memoranda and drafts closing documents for real estate development, corporate and education matters. She enjoys interacting with clients to solve problems and educates them on the potential legal issues involved in specific real estate transactions.

Claire previously worked as a legal extern for the Hon. Angela T. Quigless at the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, and as a faculty fellow at Saint Louis University School of Law. She also gained courtroom experience as a legal intern at the City of St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office and as a Court Appointed Special Advocate at Voices for Children, where she advocated in the best interest of an abused and neglected child.

Prior to attending law school, Claire taught elementary school in the Ferguson-Florissant School District in Greater St. Louis.

Industry

Real Estate, Development, & Construction

Services

Corporate Real Estate

Data Centers

Emerging Companies & Venture Capital

Opportunity Zones

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Experience

- Served on legal team quickly renegotiating majority of restaurant chain's nationwide leases in wake of COVID-19 for meaningful savings in operational costs.

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
  - Real Estate Law, 2024-2027
- Missouri Bar Pro Bono Wall of Fame, 2019

Education

- J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law
  - *cum laude*
  - *Saint Louis University Law Journal*, Managing Editor
  - Academic Excellence Awards: Legal Research and Writing I, Legal Research and Writing II, Advance Legal Research, Advanced Commercial and Business Transactions
  - Teaching Assistant for Legal Research and Writing
  - Faculty Fellow
  - Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society
- M.S., Northwestern University
  - Education
- B.A., Northwestern University
  - English, minor in Legal Studies
  - Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity, Chief Membership Officer
  - Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity, Vice President

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Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois

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*Contact Claire to set up an in-person consultation by appointment in the Chicago office.



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