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OF COUNSEL

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OVERVIEW

David brings an extensive in-house background to his real estate practice.

After first joining Husch Blackwell's real estate team as a new law school grad in 2002, David went on to accept an in-house role with a restaurant franchisee, working with hospitality properties nationwide. He later became general counsel for one of southwest Missouri's largest residential and commercial contractors before moving into the vertical farming and controlled environmental agriculture space. Most recently, David served as manager and general counsel for indoor farming startup Silo Farms, LLC—an experience that put him firmly in the client's shoes.

David rejoined the firm in late 2024 and currently focuses his practice on commercial real estate sales, acquisitions, leases, and other transactions. He draws on his experience in hospitality, retail, and residential property to work with clients in a wide variety of industries. He also has a special focus as the firm grows its services in alternative farming: with an insider's understanding of the challenges of indoor agriculture, David seeks to help clients looking to launch and grow the farming operations that will support the world's future food stability.

A real estate attorney from the beginning of his career, David loves working in a practice area where transactions benefit both parties, and he thrives on supporting clients as they strike the real property deals that will advance their businesses. He knows the client's goal is to ensure the deal closes, and he never loses sight of this.

Thanks to his 15 years in-house, David has a deep respect for clients and for in-house attorneys. He knows firsthand that clients have businesses to run, and he understands that his job is to help clients further their businesses.

Industry

Real Estate, Development, & Construction

Services

Corporate Real Estate

Data Centers

Hospitality

Retail Real Estate

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David has a reputation as a truly client-focused attorney whose top priority is always to meet the client's needs.

Experience

- Managed the day-to-day operations of a vertical farming/controlled environmental agriculture startup and served as point of contact with lenders, accountants, outside counsel, trade partners, etc.
- Led negotiations with Missouri State University for acquisition of leased facility and served as main point of contact for dealings with lenders, construction companies, and municipalities.
- Served as general counsel for construction and restaurant management companies and head of properties management division at large residential and commercial general contractor.
- Assisted in negotiation and served as main counsel for the purchase, sale, and financing, including use of sale-leaseback, of franchised restaurants and real estate associated therewith.
- Assisted in the purchase and sale of multiple theme parks and related attractions and franchised restaurants and related real estate, and served as counsel for several large agriculture focused credit facilities, including work-outs to avoid bankruptcy.

Education

- J.D., University of Missouri School of Law
 - *Journal of Dispute Resolution*
- B.S., Southwest Missouri State University
 - *magna cum laude*

Admissions

- Missouri

Community Leadership

- Greater Ozarks Chapter of University of Missouri Alumni Association, 2008-present; Vice President, 2010
- Friends of the Zoo, Board Member, 2009-2015