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PARTNER

Overview

Daniel understands that a business's objectives and goals are one of the most important aspects of a legal strategy; he prides himself on understanding the client's business and industry, and takes personal responsibility for meeting the client's objectives. He insists on personally seeing each matter through and holds himself responsible for obtaining the best results for his clients. As chair of the Business Litigation Service Group, Daniel and his team are prepared every day to respond to whatever needs their clients have, no matter how large or small, and do so with the desire to add to their clients' success. As managing partner of the firm's St. Louis office, Dan advises and mentors our St. Louis attorneys and leads its strategic growth.

For more than 20 years Daniel has assisted business owners in both transactional and litigation matters with particular emphasis in the construction, heavy equipment, real estate, fuel, banking and gaming industries. Daniel's transaction experience includes guiding clients through every facet of a business acquisition or sale, from the start in preparing for sale, through negotiations, due diligence, closing, and even post-closing matters, such as indemnity disputes. He also handles real estate development including acquisition, zoning, private and public financing, and sale. In addition, Daniel handles litigation matters. He has tried many cases in state and federal court and has a significant depth of experience in bankruptcy and insolvency litigation as well as administrative matters such as zoning appeals and tax appeals.

Prior to law school Daniel studied finance and worked in the corporate world. His background, and acumen with numbers and financial concepts, allows him to provide another level of advice and guidance when evaluating terms of deals or analyzing litigation.

SERVICES

Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
Business Litigation
Construction
Cryptocurrency, Blockchain & FinTech
Fiduciary, Trust & Probate Litigation
Manufacturing & Food Processing

EDUCATION

Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1994
Southwest Missouri State University, B.S., 1987

ADMISSIONS

Missouri

Experience

Obtained a Preliminary Injunction Enjoining the City of St. Louis Board of Adjustment for a Landowner

Obtained a Favorable Settlement for a National Retailer Accused of Breaching a Commercial Lease Agreement

Represented Seller of a Trash Collection and Hauling Business in \$35,000,000 Asset Sale

Represented a Purchaser in an Acquisition and Development of a Construction Entity

Represented a Business in Disputes in the Purchase of Commercial Real Estate and Refusal to Pay Rent

Represented a Fuel and Convenience Store Corporation in Multiple Acquisitions and Development Transactions

Represented a Large Unsecured Creditor in Claims Against a Debtor for Breach of Contract, Delay, Recoupment and Liquidated Damages

Represented a Large Regional Paper Distribution Company in Expansion of Their Retail Presence

Represented a Landowner in an Unlawful Detainer Action

Developed an Integrated Structure for a Growing Financial Services Company to Conform Ownership Structure with SEC and IRS Regulations

Successful Defense of an Excavation Company in Multi-Party \$50 Million CERCLA Environmental Claims

Represents a Privately Held Construction and Leasing Company in Daily Corporate Legal Needs

Prosecuted Over \$5 Million Commercial Property Tax Refund Through the Missouri State Tax Commission

Represented the Beneficiaries of a Trust in a Dispute Against the Trustee

Defended and Prosecuted a Bank's Security Interest

Prosecuted Individual Shareholder's Breach of Fiduciary Duty and Minority Oppression Claims to Judgment

Prosecuted Multiple Claims and Cross Claims on Behalf of a Real Estate Developer

Prosecuted \$1.6 Million Broker Liability Fiduciary Duty Breach

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Defended Developer in a Declaratory Judgment Action

Defended Majority Business Owner Against Claims in Excess of \$2 Million

Obtained \$450,000 Pre-Judgment Attachment on Behalf of Fuel Distributor

Prosecuted and Defended an Energy Company in Competing \$1.2 Million Claims

Defended and Prosecuted Claims Regarding \$12 Million Commercial Real Estate Sale

Membership & Involvement

- Member: American Bar Association, Committee on Trial and Techniques; American Bar Association, Section of Tort and Insurance Practice; Construction Law Forum; Missouri Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Honors

- Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Commercial Litigation: 2023, 2024

Firm News

105 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2024 in America Firm News, August 17, 2023

43 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*© 2023 Firm News, August 18, 2022

Members of SmithAmundsen's St. Louis Office Participate in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Walk
September 27, 2020

SmithAmundsen's St. Louis Office Expands Adding Two Local Attorneys

Alerts

COVID -19 and Business Interruption Claims

Speaking Engagements

Blockchain & Bitcoin Revolutionizing Your Industry?
Triad Bank; St. Louis, MO, June 6, 2018

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