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BIOGRAPHY

Christopher Blaesing's practice focuses on banking, real estate, zoning, and fiduciary litigation in venues across the country with particular experience in the St. Louis area and the Southern Illinois region. This focus encompasses collection actions, foreclosure suits, easement disputes, landlord-tenants cases, defense of lender liability claims, subdivision/homeowners association lawsuits, probate matters, disputes involving trusts, trustees and beneficiaries, and a host of other banking, real estate, zoning and fiduciary litigation matters. Chris's litigation practice also includes mass toxic tort, employment, franchise law, appeals, class actions and a variety of other general commercial cases.

Additionally, Chris has substantial experience representing clients with respect to wireless communications ("cell") towers – from zoning to litigation. Chris has appeared before

municipalities to seek governmental approval and has litigated several cases arising from the zoning/approval process.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Quincy University Legal Hall of Fame Committee, Chairman
- *Best Lawyers'* (Banking and Finance Law, Commercial Litigation, 2023)

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois, 2009
- Missouri, 2008
- United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri, and Southern District of Illinois

EDUCATION

Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, *summa cum laude,* J.D., 2008

Quincy University, *summa cum laude*, B.A., 2005

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Real Estate
- Fiduciary Disputes
- Eminent Domain
- Real Estate Disputes
- Finance
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Data Center & Digital Infrastructure Team
- Financial Institutions

EXPERIENCE

- First chair of weeklong probate/fiduciary jury trial, which resulted in unanimous verdict in favor of client. (This trial received news coverage).
- First chair of multi-day condemnation jury trial, which resulted in a favorable verdict for our client.
- First chair of multi-day bench trial in federal court-appointed case on behalf of a prisoner, which resulted in winning medical treatment, compensatory damages, and punitive damages on behalf of our client.
- Successful defense on appeal of trial court's dismissal in client's favor of breach of contract and employment claims.
- Represent lending parties in major commercial foreclosure actions involving (among other properties) a regional mall, a 300+ lot subdivision development, a shopping center, multifamily residential, and a hotel property.
- Obtain substantial recoveries through judgment collection efforts, including through fraudulent conveyance lawsuits.
- Prevail on summary judgment and obtain $1 million+ deficiency judgment against commercial obligors.
- Prevail on summary judgment in defense of unauthorized practice of law claim brought against mortgage broker.

RESOURCES

PUBLICATIONS

- "Trustee Removal Under Section 706 of the MUTC" – The St. Louis Bar Journal – Vol. 65, No. 3, Winter 2019 (co-author)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Trustee Conflicts of Interest and Attorney-Client Privilege Issues," BCLP Annual Trust and Estates Disputes Symposium, St. Louis, November 15, 2022
- "Tiptoeing Through the Tulips: Challenges in Managing Family and Legacy Assets" - Midwest Trust – Third Annual Continuing Education Program – Sep. 25, 2019 (St. Louis, MO) (co-

presenter)

- "Getting the Boot: Trustee Removal Under the MUTC" - MoBarCLE – 2019 Annual Estate, Trust & Elder Law Institute - Sep. 6 2019 (St. Louis, MO)
- "Trustee Releases & Indemnity: How Much is Too Much?" - BCLP Fiduciary Litigation Symposium - Aug 29, 2019 (St. Louis, MO)
- "How To Optimize Your Resources" - BAMSL - Bench & Bar Conference - Young Lawyers Division - May 30, 2019 (Lake of the Ozarks, MO) (co-presenter)
- "So What Now? Trustee Removal Under the CUTC" - BCLP Fiduciary Litigation Symposium – Feb. 21, 2019 (Denver, CO)
- "(Un)Lucky Number 13? A Look at Trustee Removal 13 Years After the Enactment of the MUTC" - BCLP Fiduciary Litigation Symposium - Aug 30, 2018 (St. Louis, MO)
- "Perspectives on Legal Liabilities for Facility Managers" - International Facility Management Association, St. Louis Chapter – Apr. 15, 2015 (St. Louis, MO) (co-presenter)

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