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OVERVIEW

Patrick is passionate about real estate development in St. Louis and the preservation of the city's historic neighborhoods.

He enjoys being an active member on a team of advisors, investors, architects, contractors, banks, and municipalities that work together to grow and improve the city. Patrick represents lenders and developers in complex real estate transactions, including some of the metro area's most high-profile projects.

Patrick advises clients on a wide variety of real estate financing matters throughout the Midwest, including:

- Real estate sales and acquisitions
- Complex finance transactions
- State and federal historic tax credits
- Tax increment financing
- Public financing
- Private-public partnerships
- Economic development incentives
- New markets tax credits
- Leasing

Industry

Real Estate, Development, & Construction

Services

Alcohol Beverage

Development Incentives & Tax Credits

Mergers & Acquisitions

Opportunity Zones

Startups

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Patrick also has experience representing clients in the negotiation, development, and financing of professional sporting facilities, with a focus on the use of public financing mechanisms to facilitate the construction or development of such facilities.

After his first nine years at Husch Blackwell, Patrick left the firm at the beginning of 2024 to serve as vice president of development for a hotel development, management, and investment firm. He oversaw both ground-up development projects and historic rehab projects while also managing outside counsel from multiple law firms. The role helped him see firsthand the business concerns of in-house attorneys, and he came to see every deal from the double perspectives of both the business need to move matters forward and the legal need to ensure that the company maintained a proper risk profile.

Missing the broad legal team of an Am Law 100 firm, Patrick returned to Husch Blackwell a year later, where he applies his in-house perspective to client matters. His goal is always to get clients to yes: he's a dealmaker who gets transactions to the finish line while making sure the client stays protected.

Recognition

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Public Finance Law, Real Estate Law, 2021-2024
- *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, Up & Coming Lawyer, 2019

Education

- J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law
 - *magna cum laude*
 - Order of the Woolsack
 - *Saint Louis University Public Law Review*, Managing Editor 2012-2013
 - Student Bar Association
- B.S., Saint Louis University
 - Business Administration
 - *cum laude*

Admissions

- Missouri

Community Leadership

- St. Louis Public Library Foundation – Fundraising Committee, 2017; Board of Directors, 2019; Nominating Committee Chair
- Friends of Tower Grove Park
- Missouri Botanical Garden Member
- GardenSide Special Business District, Board of Directors



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