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Overview

Brian Devling represents lenders in the origination and workout of middle-market commercial finance transactions. Applying a resourceful and pragmatic approach to collaborative planning, he constructs strong foundations for consistently risk-averse and cost-efficient outcomes. Brian's primary focus is representing asset-based lenders in structuring, negotiating, documenting, and maintaining credit facilities.

Brian counsels lenders throughout the life cycle of a credit facility, addressing changes in the borrower's business and industry and, when necessary, advising in workouts, bankruptcies, and liquidations. He also has experience in financing transactions involving the agribusiness industry, equipment dealers, subordinated debt, and acquisitions by private equity firms.

Additionally, Brian represents lenders in commercial real estate loans and workouts, including construction loans and development loans. He has handled real estate foreclosures and deed-in-lieu transactions as well as dispositions of owned collateral.

Education

- University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law, 2003 (J.D.)
- Saint Louis University, 2000 (B.S.B.A.)

Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- Kansas

Community Involvement

- Budget and Financial Management Assistance (BFMA), Board Member, 2011-present

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Real Estate Law, 2026-2027

Presentations and Publications

- "Drafting Equity Pledge Agreements in Partnerships and LLCs: Strategies to Maximize Lender Protection," myLawCLE Webinar, October 2025
- "Clearing the Hurdles to Financing an Acquisition," *The Show-Me Banker*, March 2025