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Overview

Gavriel (Gavri) Schreiber creates innovative solutions for clients navigating complex governmental processes and high-stakes transactions, from developers and corporations to nonprofits and municipalities. Drawing on his recent experience as general counsel to Kansas City's mayor, he brings a fresh perspective and creative problem solving to challenging matters, including public-private partnership transactions, appellate litigation, development projects requiring innovation, broad-based stakeholder engagement, and strategic relationships across multiple levels of government.

In his recent role as general counsel, Gavri spearheaded high-profile development initiatives and participated in the city's most significant projects, including major sports and entertainment ventures, housing development, and infrastructure improvements. He created innovative financing mechanisms and structured sophisticated multi-party transactions, emphasizing strategic navigation of overlapping regulatory frameworks while building consensus among diverse stakeholder groups.

Gavri's litigation practice includes successful appellate advocacy as part of teams achieving favorable outcomes in the Missouri Supreme Court. His courtroom skills integrate seamlessly with transactional prowess, providing clients comprehensive counsel that anticipates challenges and structures solutions for long-term success.

A recognized thought leader in local government law, Gavri regularly publishes academic articles and lectures at leading law schools, including Stanford, NYU, and the University of Kansas. His scholarly work, which includes publications in the *University of Chicago Law Review*, reflects his commitment to advancing the legal practice through rigorous analysis of emerging issues in municipal law and governance.

Gavri earned his Juris Doctor *cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where he served as Strategy and Oversight Chair of the *Harvard Law Review* and worked as a research assistant to Professor Laurence Tribe and former White House Counsel W. Neil Eggleston. Following law school, he clerked for judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado.

Education

- Harvard Law School, 2021 (J.D.), cum laude
- University of Maryland, 2017 (B.A.), magna cum laude

Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- Colorado (inactive)

Community Involvement

- KC Common Good, Board Member
- Jewish Community Relations Bureau | AJC Kansas City, Board Member

Presentations and Publications

- "Post-Emption and the Mayoral Toolbox: Levers and Limits of City Resistance to State Preemption," The University of Chicago Law Review. Vol. 91: Iss. 8, Article 2, 2024
- "The President's Conditional Pardon Power," Note, The Harvard Law Review. Vol. 134 Iss. 8, 2021
- "Recent Case: Colorado Department of Labor & Employment v. Dami Hospitality, LLC," Recent Case, The Harvard Law Review: Vol. 133: Iss. 4, 2020
- "The Narrow Bank Update: SDNY Dismisses TNB Suit," Just Money, March 2020