Ashley Starks

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PARALEGAL

Overview

With over a decade of experience as a paralegal, Ashley (she/her) brings comprehensive experience to every case and client she supports. Her work spans a broad range of practice areas, with a focus on real estate, corporate governance, and litigation.

For the Real Estate, Zoning & Public Finance Group, Ashley handles transactional matters and land development projects, including contract negotiations, title dispute resolution, permit acquisition, and zoning issues. She is highly knowledgeable in real estate and loan closings, ensuring smooth processes for all parties involved. Ashley also works extensively with homeowners associations, setting them up and managing the collection of assessments.

In addition, Ashley is well versed in zoning and municipal codes, skillfully handling the preparation, submission, and processing of zoning, subdivision, and variance applications. Her technical abilities enable her to deliver efficient, high-quality solutions across various legal disciplines, such as the preparation of detailed PowerPoint presentations for rezoning, subdivision plat, and conditional use cases before planning and zoning commissions and city councils.

In the corporate governance space, she handles the annual reporting and tracking of over 200 corporate entities.

The breadth of Ashley's knowledge and her ability to expertly work across legal disciplines truly shine in the litigation realm, where the issues she tackles are the most varied. She delivers effective strategic support in complex cases involving wrongful termination, employment discrimination, insurance settlement negotiations, hazardous substance exposure, and more.

SERVICES

Business Litigation

Real Estate, Zoning & Public Finance

EDUCATION

Western Illinois University, B.S., 2006



Experience

Zoning Approval in Hospital Expansion

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

Handled the Acquisition and Development of a 61-acre Tract of Ground as a Part of a Mixed-Use Development

Handled the Acquisition for the Mixed-Use, New Urbanist Development in Independence, Missouri

Obtained a Conditional Use for the Operation of a Convenience Store and Liquor Store

Assisted Our Client in Acquiring a 40-Acre Tract of Ground in Unincorporated St. Charles County

Represented a Developer in the Redevelopment of a 582-Lot Subdivision

Acted as Counsel for a Developer in the Acquisition and Development of a 234-Lot Residential Subdivision

Represented a Client Who Sought to Create a New Urbanist Design Development

Established a Neighborhood Improvement District and Obtained \$4.72 Million of Bond Financing

Handled the Refinancing of a 36-Hole Golf Course

Obtained Trial Verdict in Favor of Developer

Obtained Trial Verdict in Favor of Homeowner

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

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