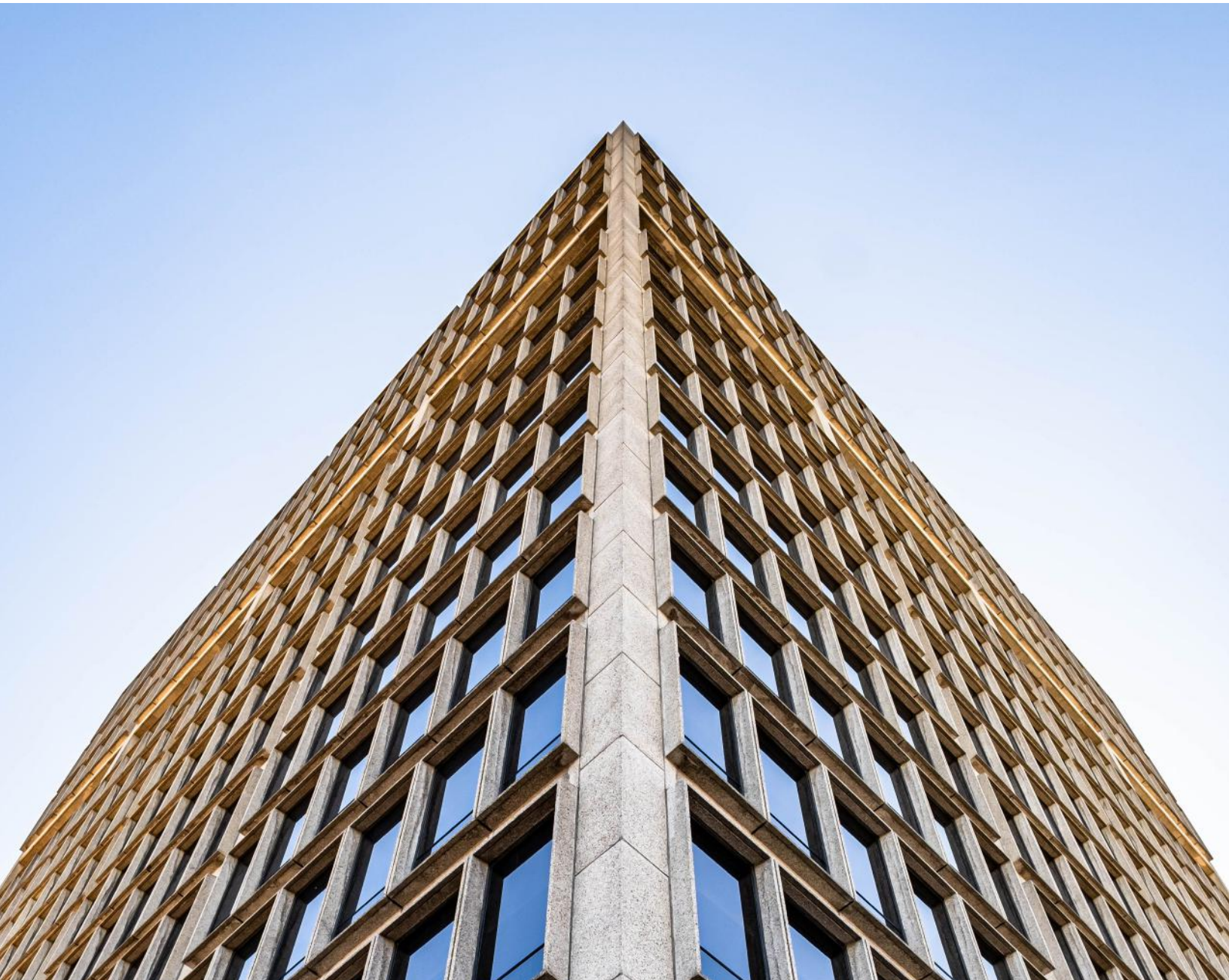


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William J. Bruin, Jr. represents developers, investors, and financial institutions in real estate, lending, and corporate transactions. His practice spans all phases of real property development, from acquisition and operation to disposition and tax appeals, with additional experience in title, zoning, environmental issues, and Section 1031 like-kind exchanges.

In his banking and finance work, Bill advises both lenders and borrowers on complex transactions, including construction financing, operating loans, letters of credit, and workouts. He has represented clients in high-value tax assessment appeals. With decades of experience, he delivers practical, results-driven counsel across commercial, residential, and agricultural real estate matters.

Education

J.D., 1983

St. Louis University School of Law

B.S., 1980

Business Administration

St. Louis University

Admissions

Missouri

Practice Areas

Business Advisory; Probate; Real Estate; Tax & Accounting

Associations

The Missouri Bar; St. Louis County Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Missouri Supreme Court, Missouri Bar Region X Disciplinary Committee (former member)



Trusted Guidance. **TAILORED FOR YOU.**

William Bruin, Jr. has built a career defined by precision, insight, and quiet impact. With more than four decades of legal experience, Bill is a trusted authority on real estate law, tax strategy, and property transactions, especially in matters involving significant financial or regulatory complexity. His work has shaped the outcomes of multimillion-dollar tax appeals, landmark property negotiations, and intricate like-kind exchange transactions across Missouri. Clients trust Bill for the depth of his knowledge and the clarity of his counsel. His service on the Missouri Bar's disciplinary committee speaks to the respect he's earned within the legal profession, and his steady leadership continues to strengthen our firm's practices.



"Clients come to me when the details matter, because getting it right today protects what they've built for tomorrow."

— William J. Bruin, Jr.

40+ Years of Legal Expertise

Bill brings deep institutional knowledge to every matter, with decades of experience in real estate law, tax, and business transactions.

Hundreds of Legal Matters Represented

From statewide property acquisitions to tax appeals and Section 1031 exchanges, his record reflects trusted guidance in complex territory.

Respected Legal Authority

A former member of Missouri's Region X Disciplinary Committee, Bill is widely respected for his integrity and influence in the legal community.



Focused Legal Solutions for You

The following pages offer a deeper look at Bill's areas of focus, and how he helps clients move forward with confidence.

The choice of a lawyer is an important decision and should not be based solely upon advertisements.

Banking & Financial Institutions

Lenders face complex risks at every stage, and without tailored legal insight, even a single misstep can have significant financial consequences. At Danna McKittrick, we help banks, credit unions, and financial institutions protect your interests with strategic, risk-conscious counsel grounded in decades of experience.

From structuring secure lending transactions to navigating defaults, we work alongside financial institutions to minimize exposure, enforce security interests, and ensure compliance with an evolving regulatory landscape. Whether you're originating loans, managing risk, or enforcing rights, we deliver the focused legal support lenders rely on to stay protected.





Secure Loan Structuring

Drafting and reviewing lending agreements that safeguard your position and ensure enforceable, compliant transactions.

Collateral & Risk Assessment

Evaluating collateral and corporate structures to strengthen your recovery position from the outset.

Real Estate & Construction Lending

Guiding commercial real estate, development, and construction loans with a focus on enforceability and performance.

Workouts & Restructuring

Advising on forbearance agreements, loan modifications, and recovery strategies to manage underperforming assets.

Foreclosure & Collections

Handling asset recovery, foreclosure proceedings, and litigation with precision and efficiency.

Bankruptcy & Lender Defense

Protecting creditors' rights in bankruptcy and defending against lender liability claims to minimize exposure.

Business ADVISORY

Business decisions come with legal implications, whether you're signing a contract, protecting your brand, managing employees, or planning for growth. Proactive legal guidance helps businesses operate with confidence, avoid costly mistakes, and seize new opportunities.

Business advisory services support companies at every stage, from formation to expansion. That includes navigating employment issues, protecting intellectual property, and resolving day-to-day legal concerns before they escalate.

With the right legal partner, you can stay focused on what matters most: running and growing with purpose. We help you make smart, strategic decisions that position your business for long-term success.





Business Structuring

Helping you select the best legal structure to support your goals and limit your risk.

Corporate Governance & Compliance

Supporting your business with sound governance practices and up-to-date compliance with state and federal laws.

Contracts & Agreements

Drafting, reviewing, and negotiating contracts that protect your interests and keep your business relationships running smoothly.

Employment Law Guidance

Advising on hiring, policies, compliance, and dispute prevention to support a productive and legally sound workplace.

Intellectual Property

Safeguarding your intellectual property, key personnel, and financial interests with smart, forward-thinking legal strategies.

Succession Planning

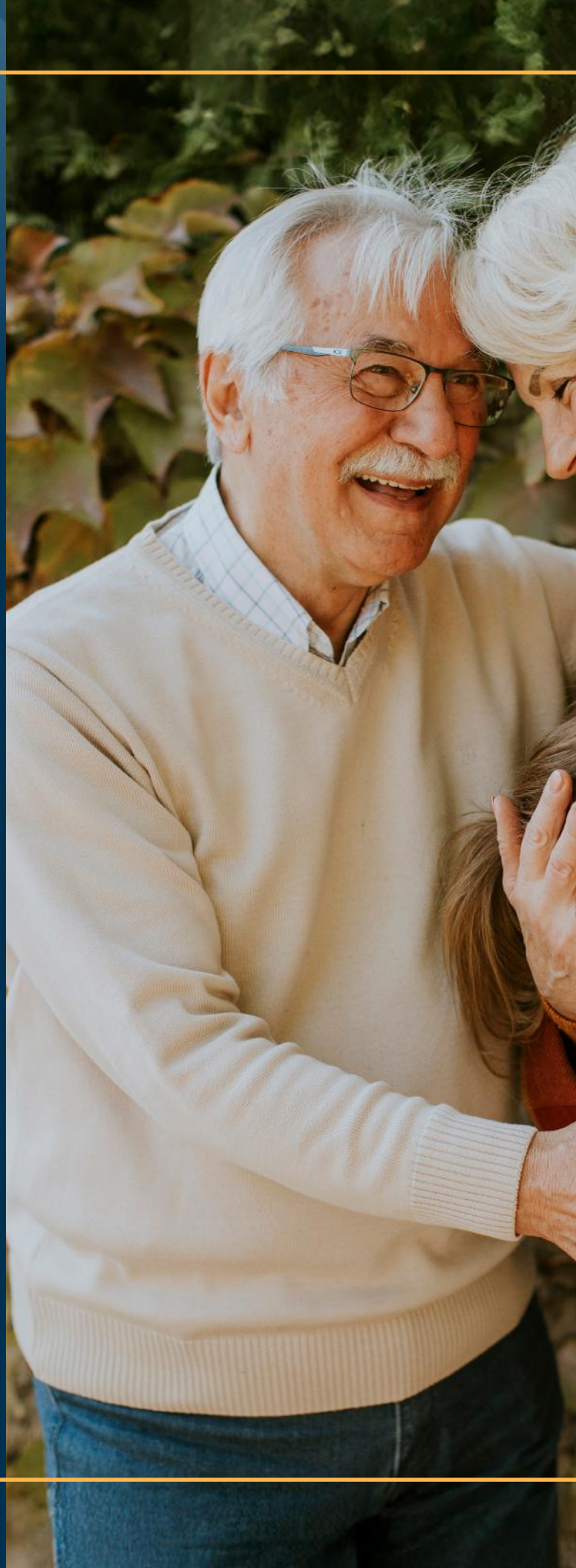
Structuring leadership transitions and exit strategies that protect your business and ensure long-term continuity.

Navigating **PROBATE**

We guide families and executors through probate with care, patience, and compassion. Losing a loved one is never easy, and handling their estate can feel overwhelming in the midst of grief. We work closely with families and personal representatives to ease the burden while helping focus on what matters most.

Whether navigating court procedures, resolving disputes, or managing estate responsibilities, our approach is thoughtful, responsive, and grounded in experience.

Let Danna McKitrick support you with steady guidance and thoughtful legal care. We understand how personal this process is, and we're here to shoulder the legal complexities so you don't have to carry them alone. Together, we'll help you honor your loved one's wishes.





Understanding Probate

When probate is required, how it works, and what steps are involved in settling an estate.

Executor Guidance

Helping executors and personal representatives fulfill their legal duties with confidence and compliance.

Court Filings & Asset Management

Handling all probate filings, asset valuations, debt resolution, and final distributions with accuracy and care.

Avoiding Probate Through Planning

Advising on trusts, beneficiary designations, and other tools to bypass probate and streamline inheritance.

Resolving Probate Disputes

Representing clients in will contests, heirship claims, and allegations of mismanagement or undue influence.

Compassionate Support

Providing steady guidance during a difficult time, ensuring your loved ones' estates are administered efficiently and lawfully.

Real ESTATE

Real estate transactions carry enormous financial weight: one misstep can mean delays, disputes, or lost investments.

From commercial development and financing to leasing, zoning, and ownership conflicts, each stage demands strategic legal guidance, insight and proactive problem-solving.

Our attorneys represent investors, developers, lenders, and associations with practical counsel that anticipates challenges and protects what you've built. Whether structuring a complex deal or resolving a heated dispute, we move projects forward with clarity, efficiency, and purpose.

Your property is more than a transaction. We're here to help you protect it at every turn.





Transactions & Closings

Guiding property acquisitions, sales, leases, and financing with focused, start-to-finish legal support.

Real Estate Litigation

Resolving title, boundary, contract, and lease disputes through negotiation, litigation, or arbitration.

Development & Zoning

Helping clients navigate land use laws, zoning approvals, and regulatory compliance to move projects forward.

Section 1031 Exchanges

Structuring tax-deferred exchanges that align with business goals and maximize reinvestment opportunities.

Community Associations

Advising condominium and homeowner associations on governance, enforcement, and fiduciary responsibilities.

Tax Appeals & Assessments

Challenging unfair property tax valuations to ensure accurate assessments and protect financial interests.

Tax & ACCOUNTING

Tax strategy isn't just about compliance. It's about building a stronger financial future. From business structure and transactions to estate planning and property tax appeals, smart legal guidance helps individuals and businesses reduce risk, preserve assets, and plan with purpose.

We partner with clients to simplify the complex, translating tax obligations into strategic opportunities for growth and protection. Whether you're optimizing operations or preparing for the next generation, our attorneys provide tailored support to help you stay one step ahead.

With practical counsel and long-term vision, we help turn tax planning into a powerful advantage.





Business Tax Strategy

Structuring entities, transactions, and operations to minimize tax exposure and support growth.

Tax Compliance & Reporting

Ensuring accurate filings and ongoing compliance with evolving state and federal tax laws.

Property Tax Appeals

Challenging inflated assessments to help businesses reduce operational expenses and secure fair valuations.

Tax Dispute Resolution

Representing clients in audits, appeals, and disputes to resolve issues efficiently and protect financial stability.

Estate & Wealth Planning

Designing personalized plans to protect wealth, reduce estate tax liability, and preserve financial legacies.

Special Needs & Trust Planning

Structuring plans that safeguard benefits, support loved ones, and comply with financial oversight requirements.

About **DANNA MCKITRICK**

Since our founding, we've built a reputation for delivering strategic, comprehensive legal counsel across a wide range of practice areas. Our attorneys combine deep experience with forward-thinking insight to support businesses, individuals, and organizations navigating today's complex legal environment.

We bring the depth of a larger law firm with the responsiveness and personal attention that set us apart. Clients trust us to offer not just legal answers, but sound strategies, practical solutions, and steady guidance in high-stakes moments.

For more than 25 years, we've helped clients meet challenges, seize opportunities, and protect what matters most.





We're trusted across industries for legal insights that protect, defend, and empower. Our full list of practice areas includes:

Business & Corporate Law

- Banks & Financial Institutions
- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- Business Advisory
- Cybersecurity & Data Protection
- Employment Law
- Franchise Law
- Health Care Law
- Insurance Law
- Intellectual Property
- Real Estate
- Tax & Accounting
- Workers' Compensation

Life & Legacy Planning

- Education Law
- Estate Planning
- Guardianships & Conservatorships
- Probate

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Litigation
- Professional Liability Defense
- Public Pensions & Government Litigation

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Exceptional Results.



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