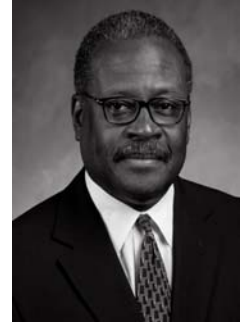


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For more than twenty years, Michael Brown has counseled clients in the acquisition, planning, financing and development of residential, commercial and industrial properties. Mr. Brown continues to focus his practice in the areas of community/economic development; governmental incentive-based development; real estate finance and development matters.

As a member of the firm's Real Estate and Business Groups, Mr. Brown advises clients on establishing community-based financial institutions.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Brown was a Principal/Managing Partner at Beacon Point Partners, Ltd., a real estate development and consulting firm in Chicago. He also served as Of Counsel at Crane Law Group, where he provided legal representation to small business owners, developers and franchisees on myriad matters including land acquisition, annexation, leasing and construction.

Mr. Brown is founding board member of Mercury Title Company, LLC and ATG Trust Company. He is a former Chairman and shareholder of Sable Bancshares, Inc., a community development financial institution. A frequent speaker and presenter on real estate issues, Mr. Brown has testified before Congress and the Illinois State Assembly on legislative matters related to government and community-based real estate development.

Mr. Brown is admitted to practice in Illinois. In 1983, he earned a joint JD/MBA from the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago-Kent College of Law and the Stuart School of Management. He also holds a B.A. in Sociology from Culver Stockton College in Missouri.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Developed 200,000 square feet of community focused commercial retail strip centers located in the Chicago metropolitan area.
- Coordinated the development of 300 acres of industrial land in the southern suburbs of Chicago.
- Provided advice and counsel to an Asian Investment Group in the development of a U.S. Department of Treasury Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) for the purpose of establishing a community based financial institution.
- Created a joint venture responsible for the development and construction of quick service restaurants in select markets for a major fast food chain.