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About Dean

With a career spanning nearly half a century, Dean counsels a broad range of real estate-related clients, including developers, corporate and individual property owners, contractors, and nonprofit organizations in the underground damage prevention industry. Drawing on deep experience in real estate, secured lending, and commercial law, he also represents institutions, business corporations, entrepreneurial organizations, and individuals.

Dean advises clients on acquisitions and dispositions, development, leasing, financing, governmental entitlements, and dispute resolution. He handles annexations, zoning and rezoning, and negotiates incentives with taxing districts.

Dean is also involved in representing lenders and borrowers in a variety of commercial loan transactions, including revolving credit and letter of credit facilities, secured and unsecured term loans, loan participations, multi-bank credit facilities, asset-based lending, and inter-creditor arrangements.

Further, Dean has extensive experience analyzing disputes and overseeing litigation strategies in construction-related matters, lease administration, bankruptcies, and other real estate-related litigation.

Dean's Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Business Law Section; Real Property Section
- International Association of Shopping Centers
- University of Wisconsin, Graaskamp Center for Real Estate, Advisory Board

- Wisconsin State Bar Association

Areas of Focus

Industries: Construction; Real Estate

Services: Commercial Finance; Corporate & Transactions; Real Estate Transactions & Lending

Experience

- Represented the buyer/operator in a \$54 million acquisition of a gas station convenience store, subsequent sale, and leaseback for management of the operation. The \$3.5 million deal included fuel supply, environmental testing, and liability agreements for the property in the Space Coast Region of Florida.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Real Estate Law, 2026
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Peer Review Rating
- *Leading Lawyers*, Leading Lawyer, Corporate and Public Finance Law; Commercial Real Estate Law and Finance
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, 2005 – 2006, 2009, 2011 – 2018

Credentials

Education

University of Wisconsin Law School, JD, 1979

University of Wisconsin – Madison, BBA, *with distinction*, 1976

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Minnesota

Interests

Did you know...

Dean enjoys hiking, biking, and adventuring.

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- “The Lending Climate for Long-Term Commercial Real Estate Financing,” for Delta Dental, Chicago, Illinois, July 2009

Healthcare Alert

- Illinois Governor Patrick Quinn Signs Tax Exemption and Tax Credit Legislation Affecting Hospitals, Jun 14, 2012

Hinshaw Alert

- Options for Conducting Annual Shareholder Meetings and Director Meetings During a Time of COVID-19 Shelter in Place Orders, Mar 24, 2020

Press Releases

- 102 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Ones to Watch*™, Aug 21, 2025
- Hinshaw Publishes Updated Real Estate Deal Book, Apr 24, 2024
- Deal Spotlight: Client Oak Bank Acquired by Wintrust Financial Corporation, Jun 10, 2019