

William B. Dunn

Of Counsel

William B. Dunn serves clients and the firm as a trusted advisor. With a wealth of experience and a commitment to understanding his client's business, Bill quickly applies the talents of his team to provide cost-effective solutions.

Over his long and active career, Bill has routinely been involved in a broad spectrum of real estate and commercial transactions for private and public entities. His work has included infrastructure development; office and commercial acquisitions, development, and leasing; commercial real estate finance on behalf of lenders and borrowers; foreclosures and workouts; industrial project finance and land development; land use and development; and advising clients in all aspects of real estate matters. Bill served as special real estate counsel to the City of Detroit during a period of major redevelopment and investment in later 1990s and early 2000s.

Bill is a recognized authority in the area of legal opinions in business transactions and has served as chair of committees for the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and the ABA Section of Real Property, Trust and Estates Law on that subject. He is a frequent lecturer at national, regional, and statewide programs on various aspects of secured financing. In addition, Bill's activity in the area of legal ethics and professional responsibility has led to speaking and consulting engagements and to his service as an expert witness.

Among Bill's many professional achievements is Presidency of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, Chair of the ABA Real Property, Trust and Estates Law Section, Chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility, and Chair of the State Bar of Michigan Professional Ethics Committee. He served as Leader of Clark Hill's Real Estate Services Practice Group until becoming Counsel to the firm. Bill has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America*® in the specialty of Real Estate Law for more than 25 years and, in 2014, was recognized as Detroit Real Estate Lawyer of the Year by the publication. He is listed as a Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics Magazine* for Real Estate Law. Bill is also ranked as a Senior Statesman for Real Estate Law by *Chambers USA*, a designation given to long experienced lawyers with exceptional recommendations in their field.



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Education

J.D., University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1964

B.A., Muskingum University, New Concord, Ohio, 1961

State Bar Licenses

Michigan

Practices, Industries & Services

Economic Development Services
Professional Ethics & Risk Management
Real Estate

Areas of Emphasis

Commercial & Residential Development
Commercial Financing
Foreclosures, Loan Modifications and Lender's Remedies
Leasing

Memberships

- American Bar Association: Section of Real Property, Trust and Estates Law, past Chair; Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility, past Chair; Center for Professional Responsibility; Section of Business Law, Legal Opinions Committee
- American College of Real Estate Lawyers: Fellow and past President, Frederick S. Lane Award
- State Bar of Michigan: Professional Ethics Committee, past Chair; Real Property Law Section, past Chair

Honors

- "AV" Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Best Lawyers Lawyer of the Year - Real Estate, Detroit (2014)
- Best Lawyers in America - Real Estate Law
- Chambers USA Senior Statesman - Real Estate Law
- Leading Lawyer
- Super Lawyer - Michigan