

Raymond J. Melton

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PARTNER

Overview

Ray has been successfully representing clients in and out of the courtroom for more than 15 years; he has tried more than 50 cases to jury verdict. As managing partner of the firm's Rockford office, Ray handles matters involving civil litigation including real estate and corporate litigation and real estate transactions. He defends insurance carriers in personal injury cases. His clients include developers, homeowners, contractors, subcontractors, homeowners associations and corporations to name a few. He regularly handles large, complex, multi-million dollar transactions on behalf of his clients.

Ray currently serves as acting general counsel for a general contracting company and a real estate redevelopment company. He has drafted numerous redevelopment agreements for moderate to large urban real estate redevelopments and has negotiated redevelopment agreements with municipal entities. Additionally, he handles issues related to Tax Increment Financing (TIF), historical tax credits, obtaining tax deeds and assessing real estate tax values. He drafts, litigates and advises clients on commercial leases. He also represents corporations with respect to regulatory issues, construction and mechanics' liens, and compliance with OSHA regulations.

Ray is interested in farm law and agribusiness services. Ray has litigated numerous cases focusing on agricultural issues including: crop damage, confined Animal feeding operations (CAFO's), farm land use and easements, OSHA violations and investigations, vehicular accidents involving farm implements, premises liability pertaining to large farming operations and environmental issues.

Membership & Involvement

- Member: Winnebago Bar Association; Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel

SERVICES

Agribusiness
Banking & Finance
Commercial Lending
Corporate & Securities
Real Estate, Zoning & Public Finance

EDUCATION

DePaul University College of Law, J.D., 1999
Luther College, B.A., 1996

ADMISSIONS

Illinois
Tennessee
Wisconsin

Honors

- Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Real Estate Law: 2026

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Firm News

130 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2026 in America
Firm News, August 21, 2025

Alerts

Contractors Considered Essential Workers during Shelter-in-Place Orders