

Deborah A. Bilitski



Bar Admissions

Kentucky Bar, admitted October 1995

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky, admitted February 1996

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, admitted March 1998

Florida Bar, admitted June 2001 (inactive status)

Professional Experience

Waterfront Development Corporation **Vice President/Deputy Director**

Louisville, Kentucky
January 2018 – Present

Primary support to the President/Executive Director in all matters related to Waterfront Park, including planning and construction, park maintenance, event production and coordination, and Belle of Louisville operations. Also serve as Waterfront Review Overlay Administrator, overseeing all development activities on property surrounding Waterfront Park.

Louisville Metro Government **Director of Develop Louisville**

Louisville, Kentucky
April 2016 – December 2017

Directed seven divisions of Louisville Metro Government with approximately 100 employees responsible for the full range of land development activities for Louisville Metro, including planning and design, vacant properties initiatives, advanced planning, housing and community development programs, land acquisition, redevelopment, public art, and clean and green sustainable development practices.

Jefferson County Attorney's Office **Assistant County Attorney**

Louisville, Kentucky
April 2015 – April 2016

Prepared ordinances and resolutions, provided research, information, and legal services to Louisville Metro Council, Mayor's Office, and various agencies and departments of Louisville Metro Government.

Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP **Partner, 2008 – 2015**

Louisville, Kentucky
June 2006 – April 2015

Real Estate and Lending Service Team Leader, May 2012 – April 2015

Represented developers, businesses, and property owners in obtaining zoning changes, conditional use permits, variances, subdivision approvals, and other land use and development approvals; handled land use litigation and appeals in court.

Jefferson County Attorney's Office **Assistant County Attorney**

Louisville, Kentucky
July 1997 – June 2006

Represented Louisville Metro Planning Commission and Louisville Metro Board of Zoning Adjustment at administrative public hearings, and litigated zoning and land use appeals in court. Advised Louisville Metro elected officials, boards, agencies, and departments on land use-related matters. Legal Research Director from October 1997 through August 1999, which included supervising legal research staff and managing research projects.

Evans, Gathright, Hardy & Willock **Associate**

Louisville, Kentucky
October 1995 – June 1997

General civil practice with an emphasis on land use, municipal law, real estate and corporate transactions, and land use and contract litigation.

Education

University of Louisville School of Law, Louisville, Kentucky

Juris Doctor, 1995

Dean's List, Fall 1992, Fall 1993, Fall 1994, Spring 1995

Notes Editor, *University of Louisville Journal of Family Law*, Volume 33, 1994-1995

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, 1992

Majors: Business and Political Science

Golden Key National Honor Society

Pi Sigma Epsilon Sales and Marketing Fraternity, Vice President of Public Relations, 1990

Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society

Professional Activities and Community Involvement

National Association of Women Business Owners, Board of Directors 2013 - 2015, Governance Committee Chair 2013 - 2015

Louisville Downtown Management District, Board of Directors 2008 - 2013, Board Vice Chair 2012 - 2013, Vice Chair of Physical Improvement Committee 2011 - 2012

Home Builders Association of Louisville, Board of Directors 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013; Land Development Committee; Government Affairs Committee, Commercial Council

Kentucky Bar Association Trial Commissioner, appointed by the Kentucky Supreme Court to serve as a trial commissioner to hear and make recommendations on attorney disciplinary matters, 2004 - 2012

Churchill Downs Derby Host, 2010 - 2013

The Patty Smith Hill and Mildred Jane Hill Happy Birthday Park, Board of Directors 2012 - present

Bingham Fellows Class of 2011 - Shaping Louisville for the 21st Century

Leadership Louisville Class of 2009

CREW Louisville, Board of Directors 2006 - 2012; President 2009, President-Elect 2008, Membership Committee Chair 2007, Sponsorship Committee Chair 2010 - 2012

Louis D. Brandeis American Inn of Court, Barrister, 2005 - 2008

Honors and Recognitions

Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent® rating

Kentucky Super Lawyers, Top 25 Women Kentucky Super Lawyers 2012

Woodward/White's The Best Lawyers in America® in the areas of Land Use & Zoning Law and Litigation - Land Use & Zoning, 2009 - 2013

Chambers and Partners USA leading (Band 1) attorney in Land Use and Zoning Law, 2009 - 2011, 2013, 2014

Louisville Magazine, recognized as a "Top Lawyer" in the area of Land Use & Zoning Law, 2012 - 2014

Business First's Forty Under Forty, 2010

Seminar and Conference Presentations

Kentucky Commercial Real Estate Conference, Louisville, Kentucky, *Nuts and Bolts of Zoning*, October 3, 2014

Kentucky Commercial Real Estate Conference, Louisville, Kentucky, *Overlay and Special Districts*, September 18, 2012

Kentucky Commercial Real Estate Conference, Louisville, Kentucky, *Conflicts of Interest, Bias, Bad Faith, and Other Ethical Issues in Land Use Decision Making*, October 7, 2011

International Council of Shopping Centers Tennessee/Kentucky Idea Exchange, *Zoning Challenges for Shopping Centers and Other Retail Venues*, July 26, 2007

American Planning Association National Planning Conference, Washington D.C., *Form-Based Land Development Code in Louisville Metro*, April 27, 2004

Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association Annual Conference, Bowling Green, Kentucky, *Form-Based Coding in Louisville Metro*, September 12, 2003

National Business Institute, *Land Use Planning and Eminent Domain in Kentucky*, history of land use law, the source of authority to enact land use regulations, planning and zoning tools, and ethical considerations in land use matters, October 24, 2002

Louisville Bar Association, *Land Use and Zoning Law*, comprehensive planning, due process, land use procedures, and judicial review, May 22, 2002

University of Kentucky/CLE – 18th Annual Environmental Law Institute, *Conservation Easements and Associated Tax Benefits*, May 17, 2002

Kentucky Paralegal Conference, *Conservation Easements and Associated Tax Benefits*, May 24, 2000

Louisville Bar Association, *Land Use and Zoning Law*, Program Chair and speaker, October 8, 1999