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Jay helps clients structure public-private partnerships for infrastructure and urban redevelopment projects.

Jay is a nationally recognized legal professional in innovative finance and regulatory strategies for urban redevelopment and public infrastructure projects. He practices in the areas of Land Use and Project Development, Municipal Law, and Public Finance. Jay represents project developers and governments seeking to solve complex land use, real estate development, urban redevelopment, and infrastructure issues. Jay is a self-proclaimed "public policy wonk" who has spent his professional life helping clients navigate the intersection of government and business.

Select Experience

Jay has helped build billions of dollars worth of projects that create vibrant, sustainable communities and have the infrastructure needed to make the projects successful. His representative legal skills include:

- Development Agreements
- Representation of clients before executive, legislative, regional, and municipal governments
- Public-private partnerships, including construction and operations agreements
- Municipal comprehensive planning, zoning and boundary adjustments

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota

Professional Affiliations

- Board Member, Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Board Member, Minneapolis Downtown Council

Education

- University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D., 1994)
 - With Distinction
- Concordia College (B.A., 1984)
 - *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota
- North Dakota

- Co-chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Initiative sponsored by ULI-Minnesota and the Regional Council of Mayors
- Member, National Conference of State Legislatures, Project on Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation
- National Association of Bond Lawyers
- The Minnesota Bar Association
- The Hennepin County Bar Association
- The North Dakota Bar Association
- Chair, The Urban Land Institute's Infrastructure Advisory Group (2011-2013)
- Lambda Alpha International (an honorary land economics society)

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use, Minnesota, 2005-2026
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Land Use and Zoning Law, Public Finance Law, Minneapolis, 2006-2026
- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyers in Minnesota," 2024, 2026
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2012, 2017-2020, 2023-2025
- Dorsey & Whitney – Scales of Justice Team Award (Rebuilding Our Community Webinar Series), 2021
- *Best Lawyers*® *Lawyer of the Year*, Land Use and Zoning Law, Public Finance Law, Minneapolis, 2015
- Fellow, American College of Real Estate Lawyers
- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program

Additional Information

- "Canada & U.S. 'Buy American' Agreement Signed," Dorsey & Whitney E-Update Co-Author, February 2010
- "Using Stimulus Funds to Jumpstart Stalled Development Projects," Dorsey & Whitney E-Update Co-Author, July 2009

Select Presentations

- Jay has been a frequent speaker throughout the Twin Cities area and nationally on topics including tax increment financing, public-private partnerships, land use law and planning, "Smart Growth" initiatives, transportation policy, and regional governance.
- Speaker, "Crash Course on Planned Unit Developments", The 2022 Real Estate Institute (October 27, 2022)
- Speaker, Takings Conference 2017: The 20th Annual Conference on Litigating Taking Challenges to Land Use and Environmental Regulations (October 6, 2017)
- Panelist, Public-Private Partnership Summit, Roseville, Minnesota (May 24, 2017)
- Speaker, Using Public Private Partnerships (P3s) for Facilities and Infrastructure Development, Dorsey & Whitney's Annual Des Moines Symposium (October 27, 2016)
- Speaker, "Leveraging Public Investment: Economic Impact of U.S. Bank Stadium on Downtown East Redevelopment," Construction Law Section of Minnesota Bar's Symposium (June 22, 2016)
- Speaker, P3 Hub Midwest Conference (June 1-2, 2016)
- Speaker, Public-Private Partnership Conference (P3C) & Expo (March 7-9, 2016)

- Speaker, "Buy & Large: Tour of the Vikings Preview Center," What's Trending in Public Finance, Ehlers Minnesota Public Finance Seminar (February 4, 2016)
- "The Art of Negotiation," Minnesota Chapter of American Planning Association (October 2014)
- Speaker, "Urban Redevelopment – The Big Picture," MSBA Construction Law Symposium (June 13, 2014)
- "Using Tax Increment in Affordable Housing Projects," Minnesota Affordable Housing Conference (May 2014)
- Panelist, Financing, Developing & Constructing Public Infrastructure in the Bakken (April 16, 2014)
- "Financing Your Project: Infrastructure Development Tools and Innovation," Financing, Developing & Constructing Public Infrastructure in the Bakken, Bismarck, North Dakota (April 2014)
- Speaker, "The Art of Negotiation– How to Get Your Stubborn Cow in the Corral For Showtime," Ehlers Minnesota Public Finance Seminar (February 7, 2014)
- Panelist, "Regional Governance: The Big Picture," League of Minnesota Cities/Metro Cities (November 2013)
- "Building Minnesota through PPPs: The New Vikings/Multi-Purpose Stadium and Rochester's Destination Medical Center Initiative," Dorsey & Whitney's Corporate Counsel Symposium (October 2013)
- "Land Use 101: Entitlements," Urban Land Institute – Minnesota Chapter (October 2013)
- "Regional Government: Model for the 21st Century?" Sensible Land Use Coalition (May 2013)
- "Parks: The Foundation of Regional Livability," Lambda Alpha International (January 2012)
- Panelist, "Navigating the New Normal for Future Development," Urban Land Institute - Minnesota Chapter (January 2012)
- Panelist, "ULI in Action on Transportation and Infrastructure: A Catalyst for Sustainable and Competitive Regions," Urban Land Institute Fall Meeting & Urban Land Expo, Los Angeles, (October 2011)
- "Reinvesting in the Region: An Action Plan to Make it Easier to Do Better," Compact Development in the Suburbs: Solving Infrastructure and Financing Challenges, Urban Land Institute (October 2011)
- Facilitator, "Funding and Financing: Municipal Bonds, Tax Increment Financing, and Value Capture," Compact Development in the Suburbs: Solving Infrastructure and Financing Challenges, Urban Land Institute (October 2011)
- Panelist, "Public-Private Partnerships," Transportation Research Conference, University of Minnesota Center for Transportation Studies, May 2011.
- "Regionalism and Encouraging Great Regional Cooperation," National League of Cities (July 2010)
- "Public-Private Partnerships in High-Speed Rail Development," Webinar (May 2010)
- "Public-Private Partnerships in Transportation: Determining a Fit for Minnesota?" ULI Minnesota (April 2010)
- Moderator, "Metropolitan Highway System Investment Study Policymaker Workshop," a joint effort of the Metropolitan Council and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (January 2010)
- "Managing Risks under the P3 Model: What Needs to Happen to Attract Private Capital?" Construction Super Conference (San Francisco, December 2009)
- "Creative Alternative Sources of Financing in Today's Market: Government Money, Private Equity, Non-Traditional Sources and Seller Financing," Real Estate Institute

(November 2009)

- "Next Steps for Regionalism: What Fits the Twin Cities Greater Metro Area?" Regional Policy Conference (September 2009)
- "Connecting People, Jobs & Communities," Regional Business Organization Conference, Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce (September 2009)
- "Regionalism: The Role of the Metropolitan Council," Atlanta Leadership Visit, Atlanta Regional Commission (May 2009)
- "Getting Local Land Use Approvals," University of St. Thomas Real Estate Leadership Forum (February 2009)
- "Zoning and Land Use," Real Estate Law Conference (September 2008)
- "Not Just a Walk in the Park: What You Need to Know About Current Issues Concerning Parkland Dedication and Fees," Real Estate Institute (November 2007)
- "Taxable and Tax Exempt TIF Revenue Bonds," Ehlers & Associates Public Finance Seminar (February 2007)
- "Development Agreements: Practical Tips for Greenfields, Brownfields and Greyfields," Minnesota Association of City Attorneys Educational Conference (February 2006)
- "Understanding Land Use and Other Concepts in Mixed Development," Lorman Education Services Seminar on Urban Development and Redevelopment in Minnesota (August 2005)
- "TIF Financing Issues," Ehlers & Associates Public Finance Seminar (February 2005)
- "Mixed Up About Mixed Use? Understanding Land Use and Other Concepts in Mixed Use Development," Real Estate Institute (November 2004)
- "Alternative Revenue Sources and Financial Planning," Ehlers & Associates Public Finance Seminar (February 2005)
- "Transportation & the Twin Cities Economy: A Business Community Discussion" (January 2004)
- "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Developing Town Centers and Urban Villages," Minnesota Chapter of American Planning Association (October 2004)
- "The Role of the Metropolitan Council: Development in the 7 County Region," Real Estate Institute (November 2003)
- "The Metropolitan Council: Minnesota's Comprehensive, Compelling and Controversial Model for Metropolitan Land Planning," International Municipal Lawyers' Association Conference (October 2003)
- "Law and the Policy of Suburban Sprawl," American Constitution Society (October 2003)
- "Comparing Minnesota & Washington Growth Management Acts," Inter City Leadership Visit (September 2003)
- "LRT and the Environment," Hennepin County Bar Association, Environmental Law Committee (October 2001)
- "Growing Smart to Preserve Natural Resources," Metro Environment Breakfast Series (June 2001)
- "Growing Smarter in the Twin Cities," Minneapolis Kiwanis Club (April 2001)
- "Building Communities that Work," Women's Transportation Seminar (January 2001)
- "Environmentally Responsible Transportation," Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota (October 2000)

Insights

December 7, 2023

Changes to Lobbying Disclosure in Minnesota

October 11, 2023

Uncertainty Looms: Minneapolis' 2040 Plan Hits (Another) Judicial Roadblock

March 26, 2020

LANDMARK CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT: A Practical Guide

Stimulus Acts 2020-2021

Stimulus Acts

February/March 2020

DIG Magazine

November 2018

Dorsey Partner Jay Lindgren: Why I ULI

May 3, 2017

Dorsey Partner Jay Lindgren Comments on Killing CTIB