

Cara M. McLaughlin

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Cara is a client services-oriented transactional attorney with a focus on real estate, tax credit and impact financing.

A trusted partner for her clients, Cara has experience assisting investor and lender clients with complex loan transactions, specializing in tax credit and impact financing. She has considerable experience financing the development and redevelopment of various construction projects, including commercial space, mixed-use development, hotels, community centers, factories and grocery stores in low income communities. With a focus on New Market Tax Credits (NMTC), Cara is skilled in the drafting process, due diligence review, driving deal timelines and managing deal closing procedures. Before joining Stinson, Cara assisted nonprofit and higher education clients as bond counsel issuing private activity bonds.

Cara brings a rich background in client relations to her practice. Prior to attending law school, she worked to understand and anticipate the needs of corporate clients at a major information technology company, and employs this same level of care to her present clients.

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

- Real Estate & Public Finance
- Tax Credit & Impact Finance
- Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits
- Impact Finance
- New Markets Tax Credits
- State Tax Credits

ADMISSIONS

- Kansas, 2018
- Missouri, 2017

EDUCATION

- University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2017
- University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A., 2008

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EXPERIENCE

Represented a NMTC investor in the lending of \$22 million in NMTC allocations from three community development entities, used to construct a rural community hospital.

Assisted a community development entity in receiving an equity investment used to fund a qualified NMTC loan which was used to acquire, construct and equip a donut production facility in a low-income community.

Assisted in the representation of an investor on a \$14 million NMTC investment to develop and equip a new aluminum production facility in Texas and a companion deal to provide an additional \$17.5 million in NMTC investments.

Assisted in the representation of a NMTC investor on a \$6 million NMTC investment to lease and develop an approximately 18,000-sq.ft. innovation center in West Virginia in collaboration with the local development authority.