

Our Lawyers (cont'd)

Wade McK. Hampton. Undergraduate degree from Washington & Lee University and Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law. Mr. Hampton is admitted to practice in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina (inactive). He is also a member of the American Bar Association (Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section), the Jacksonville Bar Association and the Professional and Businessmen's Association of Jacksonville. He has significant experience representing lenders, purchasers and sellers in large commercial real estate transactions and capital ventures, and in negotiating and drafting related documentation. His experience extends to complex commercial litigation related to real estate, title insurance, insurance, corporate and other business matters, and he is routinely handling commercial foreclosures and commercial landlord tenant matters. Mr. Hampton also has extensive experience in probate and estate planning matters.

William J. Joos. Mr. Joos is a graduate of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., BA 1962 (with honors), and the University of Florida College of Law, J.D. 1965. He is a member of the Florida Bar and the Jacksonville Bar Associations. Mr. Joos has extensive experience in the area of real property transactions, including residential and with complex and varied loan closings for commercial and subdivision development, in which he has represented Sellers, Purchasers and Lenders. Mr. Joos has particular experience with transactional work for not for profit and religious organizations and also has significant experience in probate matters. including the preparation and administration of Charitable Remainder Unitrusts.

Jonathan M. Smith. Mr. Smith obtained his undergraduate degree in History from New College of Florida. He obtained a J.D. with Honors from the University of Florida and his LLM in Taxation from the University of Florida. Mr. Smith is admitted to the Florida Bar as well as the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida and is also a member of the Florida Bar's Real Property Section. A member of the Jacksonville Bar Association, Mr. Smith is active on several Bar committees. Mr. Smith assists clients in business, real estate and litigation matters including: business formations, business litigation, boundary line disputes, quiet title actions, commercial foreclosures, landlord/tenant actions and other property-related matters.

Our Community

The Members of the Firm take great pride in supporting the charitable and community activities which make Northeast Florida such a wonderful place to live. In addition to supporting organizations and events, attorneys practicing with the Firm are and over the years have been involved in a number of charitable and community activities throughout the Greater Jacksonville Area, including:

Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance Foundation (Board of Directors)

Attorneys' Real Property Council of Northeast Florida, Inc.

Catholic Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida (including Strategic Planning Commission)

The Children's Home Society (former member Board of Directors)

Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens (Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Education Committee and Chairman of the Music Committee)

The Jacksonville Humane Society (former Board of Directors)

Jacksonville Sister Cities

Jacksonville Track Club

The Joos Endowment for the Benefit of Bishop Kenny High School and Bishop John J. Snyder High School,, Catholic Diocese of St. Augustine

Los Granaderos y Damas de Galvez

Professional and Businessmen's Association of Jacksonville (Past President)

River Garden Hebrew Home For The Aged (Board of Directors)

Riding Into History (Board of Directors)

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Our Firm

We believe that what makes a law firm great is the experience, sophistication, creativity, and integrity of its lawyers. We may be biased, but at Duss, Kenney, Safer, Hampton & Joos, P.A., we believe each of the members of the Firm has the experience and sophistication to provide excellent legal services and advice to clients of the Firm on a wide range of matters. Each of the Firm's shareholders is a well-respected, active member of our community and has been practicing law in the Jacksonville, Florida area for a period of fifteen (15) years or more.

Our Practice

Because Duss, Kenney, Safer, Hampton & Joos, P.A. is a full service law firm, an attorney's work for his or her clients regularly encompasses more than one area of the Firm's areas of practice. Accordingly, all attorneys of the Firm share a fundamental understanding of the various areas of the law in which the Firm practices, calling in more specialized assistance from other firm attorneys as needed to ensure quality and efficient legal services. In addition, attorneys in all practice areas are regularly involved in corporate and business law as well as in the selection, formation, and maintenance of business entities.

Commercial and Residential Real Estate.

Our lawyers are recognized for service in the areas of both commercial and residential real estate and our clients include lenders, Realtors, developers, and contractors, as well as single family residence buyers and sellers. We are well-versed in the handling of all types of real estate transactions and contract negotiations. Our extensive experience in title work allows us

to solve title problems quickly and efficiently and we have significant experience in handling short sales and workouts on all types of property for both lenders and borrowers. Our lawyers have extensive experience in sophisticated commercial real estate transactions throughout the State of Florida, with experience in similar transactions in other areas of the country. Our lawyers have participated in projects ranging from office buildings, hotels, ILF and ACLF facilities, restaurants and industrial facilities to apartment complexes, residential subdivisions, golf courses and raw land, representing institutional lenders, landlords and tenants, developers and owners.

Corporate and Business. Our services include the organization and maintenance of sole proprietorships, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, and other business entities. We routinely advise clients on matters of entity choice, shareholder agreements, operating agreements and other matters of business relationships. We handle corporate contract and business agreements as well as sales and financing of business assets. Several members of the Firm serve as outside general counsel to corporate clients, assisting with day to day operations and as a resource to management on other decision making.

Commercial Litigation. Our principal areas of litigation include all aspects of complex commercial and general commercial as well as residential construction law, construction lien law, creditor bankruptcy, real estate (including foreclosures), commercial and residential landlord/tenant collections, probate and guardianship litigation.

Estates, Trusts and Probate. We offer will drafting, estate planning, estate and gift tax advice, and administration of estates and guardianships. Our services include the creation of trusts and guardianships as well as advance directives. We also offer counseling and services in all aspects of Elder Law.



Our Lawyers

John S. Duss, IV. Mr. Duss is a graduate of the University of Florida, B. A. 1964 (with high honors), and the University of Florida College of Law, J.D. 1967 where he was a member of the Law Review Editorial Board. He is a member of the Florida Bar and the Jacksonville Bar Association, and has served on the St. Johns County Charter Commission. Mr. Duss has extensive experience in all aspects of real estate transactions, including land use and zoning, large scale commercial and residential developments, and has experience with a number of developments of regional impact. Particular familiarity with the development and operation of condominiums, residential and commercial. Mr. Duss also has extensive experience in Florida golf course and country club developments and single family residential subdivision developments, representing lenders, developers and clubs. In addition, he has represented investors in regard to the negotiation of complex partnership arrangements, shareholder agreements, limited liability company regulations and others. Regularly advises clients in the structuring of business entities, construction contracts, acquisition, financing and disposition of real estate and other business assets.

Theresa Marie Kenney, B.C.S. Graduate of the University of Tampa, B.S. 1986, with honors, and Stetson University College of Law, J. D. 1992, with high honors. Ms. Kenney is a member of the Florida Bar Association and the Jacksonville Bar Association and is admitted to practice before the Federal Courts for the Northern, Southern and Middle Districts of Florida. Ms. Kenney is a Florida Bar Board Certified expert in real estate law whose practice focuses on complex commercial transactions. Her familiarity with the practicalities of the litigation process allows knowledgeable evaluation of the potential risks and benefits of the courses of action available to clients. Special projects counsel to Southeast regional bank handling all "lending limit" transactions and consultation on atypical lending situations with recent emphasis on problem loan documentation review and correction and foreclosure support, workouts, and forbearance agreements. Experienced with the ownership, operation and leasing of commercial and industrial properties throughout Florida, and the Southeast. General counsel for ILF/ALF developer/operator and related management company. Outside general counsel for several property management companies and related investors with holdings throughout the Southeast. Ms. Kenney has extensive experience representing both borrowers and lenders with regard to construction loans, permanent mortgage loans and re-financings for industrial, senior living, retail, office, commercial and multi-family residential projects. Appointed by the Secretary of State of the State of Florida in 2010, Ms. Kenney is one of the few Civil Law Notaries authorized to practice in the State of Florida

Eliot J. Safer. Undergraduate degree from University of South Florida (B.A. Finance 1972). J.D. with Honors from University of Florida College of Law. Selected for Order of the Coif and Law Review Editorial Board. Mr. Safer served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Wm. Terrell Hodges, United States District Judge, Middle District of Florida (1974-76) and is a member of the Florida Bar, American Bar Association, and the Jacksonville Bar Association. He is admitted to the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, and United States Tax Court. Mr. Safer's practice areas include probate and guardianship, estate planning, elder law, corporate law and business transactions. *Continued on reverse. . .*