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Quarles & Brady LLC
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Wilson & McIlvaine
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Experience:

Commercial business transactions, real estate, including acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, recapitalizations, and secured transactions; corporate law, including mergers and acquisitions, corporate credit facilities, securities law, and representation of issuers and investors in venture capital and private equity transactions; and complex transactions.

Legal Education:

University of Illinois College of Law
Urbana-Champaign, Illinois
J.D. Magna Cum Laude 1986
Law Review, Topics Editor
Rickert Award for Excellence in Legal Writing
Harno Fellow (Top 10% of Class)

Undergraduate Education:

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana
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Richard P. Blessen is a partner who has a broad and sophisticated business law practice encompassing both the real estate and corporate areas, including acquisitions, divestitures, recapitalizations, secured financings, mortgage loans and corporate credit facilities, representation of issuers and investors in venture capital and private equity transactions, formation of real estate joint ventures and complex transactions. Richard also has extensive experience representing financial institutions, foundations and nonprofit corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies and with issues surrounding the structuring of real estate holdings, investments and investment vehicles. Richard prides himself on bringing an interdisciplinary approach to transactions.



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