

Diane McDermaid

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Diane McDermaid helps clients close commercial real estate transactions smoothly by managing every detail of title review, document preparation, and closing coordination so deals move forward without delay.

Diane brings deep paralegal experience to commercial real estate transactions, serving as a steady hand for attorneys and clients alike through every phase of an acquisition, disposition, financing, lease, development, or construction project. She prepares transaction documents, reviews title and survey, and coordinates closing and post-closing activities with precision and efficiency.

Diane has extensive experience working directly with title companies on title review and transaction closing matters, making her a reliable point of contact for resolving issues that can stall a deal. Her work spans the full lifecycle of commercial real estate transactions, from initial due diligence through final closing.

Her practice also extends into surface and mineral title review on private, state, and federal lands. Diane researches and determines surface and mineral ownership in connection with mining and other natural resource development projects. This includes title review and curative research on state and private lands, as well as federal surface and mineral research involving patented and unpatented mining claim properties and other federal grant lands.

Before joining Dorsey & Whitney, Diane supported in-house legal operations within a large medical system, giving her a client-side perspective that informs how she communicates and prioritizes for the attorneys and clients she serves today.

Select Experience

- Supported the sale of a Virginia land and power asset associated with a planned data center development; managed title, survey, zoning, and due diligence review, coordinated with title companies and transaction teams, and helped resolve issues to achieve clean title and closing.
- Assisted in Niagara Bottling's acquisition of a multi-site bottled water business,

Education

- Phillips Junior College
(Paralegal Degree,
1989)

overseeing title, survey, zoning, and real estate due diligence across three properties and coordinating with title companies, surveyors, and deal teams to facilitate closing.

- Supported a subsequent multi-site acquisition for Niagara Bottling involving six properties nationwide, managing complex real estate diligence and title matters as part of a highly coordinated M&A transaction team.
- Worked on the sale of a milk protein manufacturing facility in Jerome, Idaho as part of a strategic transaction involving Darigold; resolved complex real estate and title issues, coordinated with local government officials, and secured necessary underwriting approvals to support closing.

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- No-One Dies Alone, volunteer Co-Director at the University of Utah Hospital and Huntsman Cancer Institute
- Advanced Certified Paralegal, NALA 2009