

# Insights

## **Krieg DeVault Expands Real Estate and Environmental Practice**

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Krieg DeVault LLP is pleased to announce that the firm has significantly bolstered its Real Estate and Environmental Practice with the addition of commercial real estate attorneys Donald J. Smith and Stephanie J. Truchan, both previously with the law firm of Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC (formerly Katz Korin Cunningham, PC). Smith, who joins the firm as a Partner, and Truchan, who joins as Associate, will be integral pieces in continuing to grow one of the firm's most prominent practices.

Smith brings 17 years of commercial real estate and lending experience to the firm. He has represented his real estate clients — local and national — in all aspects of real estate development, handling projects from “dirt to disposition.” He has represented both tenants and landlords in commercial leasing transactions and litigation. Don represents lenders on construction and permanent real estate financing as well as commercial lending. Additionally, he acts as outside general counsel for many of his entrepreneurial clients, advising them on all legal aspects of their businesses, including succession and estate planning.

With her background in urban planning, Truchan is in a unique position to identify what it takes to successfully close a deal. Stephanie routinely assists real estate developers with stakeholder engagement strategies and has experience advocating before planning boards and other government bodies. She focuses her practice on commercial real estate transactions, including development, financing, acquisitions, dispositions, as well as land use and zoning matters. In addition to her real estate practice, she advises small business clients on entity formation, structure, organization, and succession and estate planning.

“We are very excited to welcome our newest members to the firm’s Real Estate and Environmental Practice Group,” said David A. Adams, Chair of the Firm’s Real Estate and Environmental Practice. “Don and Stephanie’s experience and solid reputations within commercial real estate are exciting for our team and the firm.”

### About Krieg DeVault LLP

Krieg DeVault LLP is a diversified law firm representing a wide variety of local, regional and national clients. It is a business-focused law firm with offices in Indianapolis, Carmel, Mishawaka, and Merrillville, Indiana; Chicago, Illinois; Atlanta, Georgia; and Naples, Florida. The Firm’s attorneys have significant experience in key areas that address the needs of a diversified client base.