CAPES SOKOL WELCOMES JOHN S. MEYER, JR.

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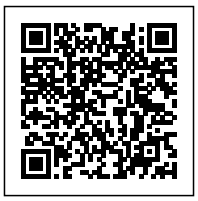

John S. Meyer, Jr., a member of Bryan Cave, LLP's Client Service Groups for Lending, Real Estate, Construction and Bankruptcy/Restructuring for over 23 years, has announced he is moving his law practice to the Clayton law firm of Capes, Sokol, Goodman & Sarachan, P.C. Meyer is a native St. Louisan. Mr. Meyer aims to direct his expertise to better service the legal needs of a wide variety of local businesses and non-profit institutions. He feels his expertise is more accessible from a more nimble platform.

> *"Bryan Cave was a terrific place to learn the practice of law. With the assistance of many superb lawyers, I was exposed to all kinds of challenging, sophisticated transactions and legal disputes in a great number of places," says Meyer. "I am grateful for the knowledge and friendships that I have accumulated and I am certain that the firm will continue to grow and prosper as a consequence of its ever-increasing emphasis on large national and international legal matters. However, I feel there is a tremendous opportunity in our market for first-rate lawyers in smaller firms to represent local business people. I am bullish about St. Louis and the opportunity to team with the first-class attorneys at Capes Sokol. I believe that the consolidation and departure of some of our larger corporations has created opportunities for local entrepreneurs who share my optimism for the potential of our region. With a more locally centric practice, I hope to help St. Louis business people make the most of our region's assets."*
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> *"We are thrilled to welcome John Meyer to our growing practice," says Jeff Cohen, a principal at Capes Sokol. "His depth of business and banking experience is consistent with our firm's goals, and there is great opportunity for practice expansion under his direction. He will chair our firm's Business and Real Estate Transactions Practice Group, which we expect to double or triple in size over the next several months."*
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> *Meyer says further, "I get a kick out of making things happen here in St. Louis. Community involvement and support of local institutions is a family value. For example, my wife, Laura, takes pride in her contributions to COCA and to the Frank Lloyd Wright House in Ebsworth*

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> *Park. My late grandmother and step-grandfather, Alice and Leigh Gerdine, were instrumental in the founding of Opera Theatre of St. Louis, The Sheldon Concert Hall and many other St. Louis arts institutions."*

Meyer is currently a Trustee of John Burroughs School and Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region. He has served as president of that institution as well as for Forsyth School. He was a trustee for the City Museum when it was a non-profit corporation and was a member of the Downtown Development Committee of St. Louis 2004.

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