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Aaron Aft helps clients grow their businesses, build on their successes and expand their opportunities. As a partner in the Real Estate, Environmental & Energy Law (REEL) practice group at Ice Miller LLP, Aaron works with investment firms, developers, brokers, management companies, banks, non-profits, public and private companies and entrepreneurs. Aaron is committed to delivering excellent client service, working with and advising clients through their real estate transactions, always keeping their goals and best interests at the forefront.

Aaron's diverse professional experiences assisting clients with real estate transactions across the country enable him to understand what his clients need to achieve their goals. He advises clients large and small in transactions involving the development (including speculative, build to suit, and fee-based), purchase, sale, financing and leasing of unimproved land, multi-family (including market rate, student housing and senior housing), office (including single building, portfolios, and office parks), retail and industrial property across the United States. Aaron has worked on the acquisition of municipal water and sewer utilities, public-private infrastructure projects, development of a grain storage and distribution hub, and construction and financing of public hospital and university research facilities. He has also assisted clients in making donations of real estate assets to municipalities and non-profit organizations, and he has helped non-profit and community organizations in acquiring and leasing real estate.

In addition to his extensive legal knowledge and experience, Aaron understands that clients want to get deals done. He takes pride in offering practical, grounded guidance to his clients to help them more effectively navigate the legal issues and challenges they encounter.

Education

- Indiana University (B.A., 2004)
- Indiana University Maurer School of Law (J.D., 2011)

Admissions

- Indiana
- United States District Court - Southern District of Indiana

Services & Industries

- Cannabis
- Data Centers
- Finance
- Leasing
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Financing
- Transactions
- Zoning & Land Use

Awards & Honors

- Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Real Estate, 2026
- Named by *Real Estate Forum* as an Emerging Leader in Capital Markets
- *The Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch*, Real Estate Law, 2023
- *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Real Estate Law, 2024-2026

Success Stories

Ice Miller Represents Korean Company in Investing \$107 Million in Opening its United States Manufacturing Facility

Ice Miller represented South Korean-based aluminum manufacturer ALUKO Group in its United States expansion with the opening of a second manufacturing facility in West Tennessee. This project will bring new opportunities to local residents, strengthen the workforce, and support growth across the entire county.

The project is slated to create 285 new jobs in Lauderdale County and bring \$107.7 million in investments to expand the company's integrated aluminum manufacturing operations in Halls, Tennessee. This strategic investment is a significant milestone in ALUKO Group's long-term North American strategy, establishing an eco-friendly supply chain for key American industries like electric vehicles (EVs), solar energy, and construction.

ALUKO Group has been at the forefront of Korea's aluminum extrusion and nonferrous materials industry. Their product portfolio spans industrial applications, including display devices, mobile devices, vehicles, ships, solar module frames, and secondary battery cases, as well as construction materials such as aluminum sheets, curtain walls, and structural frameworks. The ALUKO Group consists of ALUKO, Hyundai Aluminium, Gogang Aluminium, Alutec, KPTU, Hyundai Aluminium Vina, and Alutec Vina.

Ice Miller Business partner [TaeSoo Sean Kim](#) led the deal team, with Real Estate, Environmental & Energy Law (REEL) partner [Aaron Aft](#) and associate [John B. Gregg](#) advising on the real estate transaction and partner [Terri Czajka](#) advising on the environmental and permit aspects of the deal.

Thought Leadership

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A Look at Adaptive Reuse Projects

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