

## Kathryn M. Zickert

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Kathryn M. Zickert is a Partner in and the leader of the Zoning, Planning and Land Use Practice Group of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP.

Ms. Zickert practices in all aspects of land use and zoning including environmental and land use litigation, condemnation, re-zonings, variances, special or conditional use permits, special exceptions, subdivision approvals and all other permitting, fair housing, developments of regional impact and historic preservation.

Ms. Zickert has extensive experience in zoning and land use related law, representing primarily developers and property owners both in administrative and litigation matters. Her development practice covers a broad range of commercial real estate projects, including retail, office, industrial and mixed use, as well as various residential projects, including attached and detached single family and multi-family units.

In recognition of her expertise in land use/environmental law, Ms. Zickert has been selected for inclusion in *Georgia Super Lawyers* and *Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel* edition, *Georgia Trend* magazine's *Legal Elite* for multiple years, the Legal 500 U.S. for Georgia Real Estate Lawyers in 2009 and as one of *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Land Use & Zoning Law for multiple years. In both 2015 and 2016 she was named the Lawyer of the Year for Zoning and Land Use in Georgia.

Ms. Zickert is a member of Legal Action Network for Development Strategies (LANDS), a national group of zoning and land use lawyers who represent only private property interests. She is the author of a number of zoning and other land use ordinances used throughout Georgia. Additionally, she is a regular speaker at national and local land use seminars sponsored by the Atlanta Regional Commission, the National Business Institute, Law Seminars International, Lorman, the Georgia Institute for Continuing Legal Education, the National Association of Homebuilders, the American and Georgia Planning Associations and the American Bar Association. Ms. Zickert has served as an Adjunct Professor for Emory University School of Law, teaching



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### Areas of Practice

Zoning, Planning and Land Use  
Litigation/Trial Practice  
Environmental/Natural  
Resources Law  
Eminent Domain  
National Land Use Due  
Diligence incidental to  
purchase of property  
Sustainability Practice  
Consumer Litigation Defense  
Practice

### Bar Admissions

Georgia

### Recognitions

The Best Lawyers in America®,  
Litigation - Land Use and

advanced litigation courses, and as a DeKalb County Magistrate. She has also served as a Board Member for the Metropolitan Atlanta Transit Authority (MARTA).

Ms. Zickert received her B.A., *cum laude*, from Vanderbilt University and her J.D. from Emory University School of Law. She is admitted to practice in all state and federal courts in Georgia, as well as the Fifth Circuit and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeal.

**Articles**

“Tree Preservation Ordinances: Sacrificing Private Timber Rights on the Diminutive Altar of Public Benefit,” *Mercer Law Review*, Winter 2001.

Zoning, Land Use & Zoning Law  
\*Lawyer of the Year (2021)  
Georgia Super Lawyers  
Georgia Trend magazine - Legal Elite  
Leadership Atlanta  
Outstanding Atlanta  
Legal 500 U.S. Georgia Real Estate Lawyers (2009)