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Areas of Practice

Consumer Litigation Defense Practice | Litigation/Trial Practice

Mr. Burch is the Head of the Firm's Atlanta Litigation Department. He handles complex commercial, real estate and title insurance litigation. Mr. Burch has helped establish several precedents in the area of commercial real estate litigation and regularly conducts seminars on this and other emerging trends in real estate law and commercial litigation.

Mr. Burch has extensive trial experience in the Federal and State Courts of Georgia. He has many years of experience helping clients assess their risks and resolve their problems through trial, mediation, arbitration and negotiation.

Mr. Burch has earned an AV Rating from Martindale-Hubbell. He has been selected to the Georgia *Super Lawyers* list and recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* for his legal work in litigation and was named by Best Lawyers in 2026 as the Real Estate "Lawyer of the Year" for litigation in Atlanta. Mr. Burch serves as a Master in the Clarke-Carley American Inn of Court.

Mr. Burch received his degree of juris doctor from the University of Georgia School of Law, *cum laude*, and his B.A. from the University of Virginia. He served on the Editorial Board of the *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law*. He was also a member of the Moot Court Team, on which he won the William B. Spong National Championship and the Hulsey-Kimbrell Moot Court Competition.

Mr. Burch is admitted to practice in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, the Supreme Court of the State of Georgia, the Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia, the District Courts of the Northern and Middle Districts of Georgia, and the State and Superior Courts of Georgia.

Mr. Burch's interests include golf, church, and attending his children's athletic events.

Experience

- Represented financial institution in defense of \$20 million lending fraud claim.
- Represented insurer in \$7 million environmental stigma litigation that has established new law in the State of Georgia.
- Represented insurer in \$10 million defalcation arising from a failed scheme involving the funding of a motion picture.
- Represented multiple financial institutions in commercial real estate title litigation involving novel issues of law and resulting in new legal precedent favorable to lenders.
- Represented publicly-traded entity and its affiliates regarding a \$20 million embezzlement.
- Represented financial institution in litigation involving a \$10 million construction lien encumbering a major shopping mall.
- Represented insurer in class-action litigation regarding insurance rates.
- Represented insurer in bad faith litigation involving a \$6.9 million dispute over a commercial real estate development.

Admissions

Georgia

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Supreme Court of Georgia

Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia

United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia

The State and Superior Courts of Georgia

Memberships

State Bar of Georgia

Former Barrister, Lumpkin Inn of Court

Master, Clarke-Carley American Inn of Court

Recognitions

The Best Lawyers in America®, Litigation – Real Estate, Lawyer of the Year (2026)

The Best Lawyers in America®, Litigation – Real Estate, Atlanta (2022-2026); Appellate Practice; Insurance Law;

Litigation – Insurance, Atlanta (2023-2026); Commercial Litigation, Atlanta (2023)

Georgia Super Lawyers, Rising Star (2005, 2007, 2009)

Georgia Super Lawyers, Business Litigation (2012 - 2022)

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