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David J. Burge is a Partner in the Real Estate Practice of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP.

Mr. Burge has substantial experience in commercial real estate lending transactions, corporate real estate transactions, capital markets real estate transactions and general real estate sale, purchase and leasing transactions. He represents several national and regional financial institutions in their real estate finance transactions in Georgia and throughout the Southeast. Mr. Burge also has particular expertise in the financing, acquisition and management of timberland and recreational properties, including golf courses and marinas. He has represented the purchasers in several complex in-town land assemblages.

In 2008, Governor Perdue appointed Mr. Burge to be the Consumer Member of the Georgia Real Estate Commission, where he served until 2019. Mr. Burge served on the Board of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority from 2007 until 2012 and on the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections from 2013 until 2019. He served as Chairman of both the Real Estate Section of the Atlanta Bar Association (1999-2000) and the Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia (2006-2007). He is active with the Boy Scouts of America, the Urban Land Institute and NAIOP, The Commercial Real Estate Development Association. He is a board member of the Atlanta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and in 2006, he received the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award, the Boy Scouts' highest award for service to youth. He also serves on the Board of Visitors of Emory University and the Board of Trustees of Buckhead Christian Ministries. He is a graduate of the Midtown Alliance Leadership Program, the Coverdell Leadership Institute and Leadership Atlanta. He was a delegate to the 2008 Republican National Convention.

Prior to private practice, Mr. Burge served as a judicial clerk for Judge Albert J. Henderson, Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Mr. Burge earned his B.A. in history and political science, *magna cum laude*, from Vanderbilt University in 1982. Mr. Burge received his J.D., with high honors, from the University of North Carolina in 1985 and



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Areas of Practice

Real Estate Law
Financing and Commercial Transactions
Commercial Lending
Timber Law
Hospitality Services Group
Zoning, Planning and Land Use
Governmental Affairs
Real Estate Leasing

Bar Admissions

Georgia
District of Columbia

Memberships

Boy Scouts of America
Urban Land Institute
NAIOP

was First Honors graduate of his class. During law school, he served as Articles Editor of the North Carolina Law Review, received the William T. Joyner Law Review Writing Award and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. He is the author of two notes, “Defining an Employer’s Liability under Title VII for on-the-Job Sexual Harassment,” 62 North Carolina Law Review 795 (1984) and “Statutory Protection against Condominium Conversions,” 62 North Carolina Law Review 1346 (1984).

Recognitions

2012 Class of Leadership
Atlanta
Georgia Trend Magazine --
Legal Elite (2012)

Languages

French