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Areas of Practice

Litigation / Trial Practice | Zoning, Planning and Land Use | Construction Contract Drafting

William J. Diehl is an Associate in the Litigation Practice of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP.

Mr. Diehl currently focuses his practice on land use and zoning, development, and real estate issues. Mr. Diehl has represented a variety of public, private, and quasi-governmental parties in zoning/entitlement, finance, and construction issues, having provided advice and litigated cases involving numerous titles to land, condemnations, UDO challenges, economic development strategies, and other development related issues. Additionally, he has drafted and negotiated development agreements, ordinance revisions, construction financing instruments, and other documents related to real estate development projects.

Mr. Diehl earned his J.D. from Georgia State University College of Law where he graduated *Magna Cum Laude*. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from Georgia State University. Mr. Diehl is a member of the Georgia Bar.

Admissions

Georgia

Memberships

Rotary Club of Peachtree Corners, Georgia, President

Southwest Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Board

Gwinnett County Citizens Advisory Committee for the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, Chairwoman's Appointee

Leadership Gwinnett Economics Day Committee, Committee Member

Recognitions

Leadership Gwinnett Class of 2023

Georgia Bar Association Young Lawyer's Leadership Academy 2022

Gwinnett 101 Citizen's Academy 2021

Gwinnett Young Professionals 35 under 35

Presentations/Publications

- *Georgia Bar Eminent Domain Section*, Panelist for Section on Zoning Procedures Law Amendments.
- *Construction Trusts*, State Bar of Georgia Construction Law Section Newsletter (Spring 2020).
- *The Fair Credit Reporting Act and the Bankruptcy Code*, Am. Bankr. Inst. J. (July 2018).
- *An Olympic Relay Race; Redeveloping Atlanta's Public Housing in Preparation for the 1996 Olympic Games: The Interconnectivity of Public Housing, HOPE VI, and Public and Private Investment*, 26 J. Affordable Hous. & Cmty. Dev. 575-612 (2018).
- *Bankruptcy, 2017 Eleventh Circuit Survey*, 69 Mercer L. Rev. 1033 (2018).