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Areas of Practice

Financing and Commercial Transactions | Real Estate Law | Timber Law | Commercial Lending | Hospitality Services Group | Governmental Affairs | Real Estate Leasing

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 2020, Governor Kemp appointed Mr. Burge to the Board of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Mr. Burge served on the Georgia Real Estate Commission from 2008 until 2019, the Board of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority from 2007 until 2012, and the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections from 2013 until 2019. He served as Chairman of 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 the American College of Mortgage Attorneys. 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 Trustees of Buckhead Christian Ministries and was a member of the Emory University Board of Visitors from 2018 until 2021. 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.

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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 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).

Admissions

Georgia

District of Columbia

Memberships

Boy Scouts of America

Urban Land Institute

American College of Mortgage Attorneys

Recognitions

The Best Lawyers in America®, Real Estate Law, Atlanta (2021-2025); Commercial Finance Law, Atlanta (2023-2025)

2012 Class of Leadership Atlanta

Georgia Trend magazine - Legal Elite (2012)