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PRACTICE AREAS AND INDUSTRY TEAMS

- Public Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Economic Development
- Government Relations
- Governmental Litigation
- Labor and Employment
- Public Utilities
- Public-Private Partnerships & Public Facilities
- White Collar, Compliance and Government Investigations

EXPERIENCE

- City Attorney, City of Warner Robins, Georgia, 1985-2019
- City Attorney, City of McDonough, Georgia, 2019-Present
- City Attorney, City of Hawkinsville, Georgia, 2019-Present
- Counsel, Jointly Owned Natural Gas
- Adjunct Professor, Walter F. George School of Law, 2005-Present
- Instructor, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia, 2007-Present
- Instructor, Georgia Municipal Association, 2005-Present
- Special Counsel, Board of Ethics, Clayton County, Georgia, 2018-Present
- Special Counsel, Board of Ethics, City of McDonough, Georgia, 2016
- Special Counsel, Ethics Committee, City of Doraville, Georgia, 2009

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Georgia, 1982

DISTINCTIONS

- Mercer University Law School, Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year, 2017
- Recipient, James H. Epps III Award for Longevity of Service to a Community, 2015
- Graduate, Georgia Academy for Economic Development, 2012

ASSOCIATIONS

- International Municipal Lawyers Association
 - Southeastern Regional Vice-President, 2005-Present
 - Georgia State Chair, 1999-2005
- Georgia Municipal Association Legislative Policy Council, 2007-2009, 2013-Present
 - Federal Policy Council, 2015-Present
- Houston County Bar Association
 - President, 2017
- Georgia Municipal Employees' Benefit System
 - Trustee, 1994-2008
- Joint Georgia Municipal Association/Association County Commissioners of Georgia Annexation Tax Force, 1996-1997
- State Bar of Georgia
 - Local Government Section
 - Chair, 1993
- Annual Institute for Georgia City and County Attorneys
 - Planning Committee Member, 1990-Present
- Georgia Municipal Association Task Force on Municipal Judges and Law Enforcement Officer Training
 - Chair, 1990
- Georgia Municipal Association
 - Revenue and Finance Policy Committee Chair, 2019-2021
 - Board of Directors, 1990
- Georgia Municipal Association City Attorneys' Section
 - President, 1990

EDUCATION & HONORS

- Mercer University, J.D., 1982
 - Treasurer, Student Bar Association
 - Phi Delta Phi
- Georgia Institute of Technology, B.S., Industrial Management, 1979
 - Kappa Alpha Order
 - President, Ramblin' Reck Club
 - Order of Omega

PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Presenter, "Handling Meeting Disruption," Georgia Municipal Association, City Attorneys' Section Seminar, 2016.
- Presenter, "Amending the City Charter – For What Purpose, and by Whom," Georgia Municipal Association, City Attorneys' Section Seminar, 2014.
- Author, "Annual Survey of Local Government Law," *64 Mercer Law Review* 213, 2012.
- Author, "Annual Survey of Local Government Law," *61 Mercer Law Review* 205, 2009.
- Presenter, "Judicial Update," Institute for Georgia City and County Attorneys, annually 2005-Present.
- Presenter, "Beware How Many Hats They Give You," Georgia Municipal Association, City Attorneys' Section Seminar, 2008.
- Presenter, "Open Meetings: The Gray Aras," Lorman Education Services, 2006, 2007, 2008.
- Presenter, "Tax Issues for Local Governments," 48th Annual Institute for Georgia City and County Attorneys, 2001.
- Presenter, "Legislative Update: Annexation, Service Delivery, Taxation and Finance," Georgia Municipal Association, City Attorneys' Section Seminar, 2000.
- Presenter, "The Phenomena of Gated Communities and Other Private Use of Rights-of-Way," 45th Annual Institute for Georgia City and County Attorneys, 1998.
- Presenter, "Taxation and Regulation of Alcoholic Beverages," Georgia Municipal Association, City Attorneys' Section Seminar, 1990.
- Presenter, "Peclearance of Annexations under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act," National Institute of Municipal Law Officers, Mid-Year Meeting, 1988.
- Guest Legal Analyst, Nancy Grace Show, HLN and Court TV.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Professional Interest Exploration, Program for Houston County, Georgia High School Seniors, Mentor, 1988-2019
- State Bar of Georgia, Professionalism Training, 2005-Present
- Chamber of Commerce
- American Heart Association
- Alzheimer's Association
- Georgia Tech Alumni Association
- Family Promise of Houston County
- Trinity United Methodist Church