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Atlanta, Georgia



Current Employer-Title Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C. - Managing Shareholder

**Profession** Attorney, Arbitrator, Mediator

Work History

Managing Shareholder, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, 2007- Present;

Managing Partner, Gambrell and Stolz, L.L.P., 1993-2007; Partner, Martin, Cavan and Andersen,
1986-1993; Associate, Nall and Miller, 1983-1986; Teaching Fellow, Washington and Lee

University School of Law, 1982-1983.

**Experience** Engaged in litigation involving construction, fidelity and surety law, negligence, employment law,

and business disputes. 65% of practice is in construction law, primarily representing general contractors, architects, engineers, designers, owners, developers, public agencies, and some sub and specialty contractors and sureties/insurers involving private (commercial, industrial, and residential) projects. 20% of practice is in employment law. 10% of practice is in negligence including medical malpractice: 50% on behalf of plaintiffs and 50% on behalf of defendants. 2% of negligence practice involves automobile accident claims. Legal experience in automobile negligence cases since 1983.

**Mediator Experience** Serves as a mediator numerous times throughout the year, with 75% of the mediations involving

construction-related matters.

Representative Issues
Has served as a neutral primarily in construction cases, including large manufacturing facilities,
delay claims, construction defect claims, project collapses, and design defect issues. Has also served
as a mediator in contract disputes between insurance companies, employer/employee disputes

(including discrimination claims).

Mediator Style & Process

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excited about the process and respecting their attorneys. In resolving a case, the parties typically appreciate the good work their attorneys have done for them.

**Education** Washington and Lee University (JD-1983); Union College (BA, cum laude-1980).

**Professional Licenses** 

Admitted to the Bar: Georgia (1983), District of Columbia (1984); U.S. District Court: District of Georgia (1985); U.S. Court of Appeals: Eleventh Circuit (1986).

Professional Associations American Bar Association (Past President); American Bar Association (Committee on Rules & Calendar of the House of Delegates; Coalition for Justice, Chair; Tort and Insurance Practice Section, Past Chair, Vice Chair; Trial Techniques Committee, Past Chair; Long-Range Planning Committee, Past Chair; Fidelity and Surety Committee, Past Vice Chair; Legislative Division, Chair; Membership Division, Co-chair); Atlanta Council Young Lawyers (Director); State Bar of Georgia (Past President; Professional and Liability Committee, Vice Chair; Uniform Rules Commission, Chair; Statewide Judicial Evaluation Commission, Co-chair).

## **Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements**

**Publications:** 

Over 50 published works, mostly on construction topics

Speaking Engagements:

Speaker, "Ethics Issues for Your Practice," Institute of Continuing Legal Education Georgia, video, November 2, 2001; speaker, "Multidisciplinary Practice Issues in Commercial Real Estate," Institute of Continuing Legal Education Georgia, November 1, 2001; speaker, "Ethical Considerations for Construction Lawyers," Construction Law for the General Practitioner, Institute of Continuing Legal Education Georgia, October 5, 2001; speaker, "How to Start a Successful Professionalism Commission," American Bar Association Mid-year Meeting, San Diego, February 16, 2001; speaker, "Emerging Issues Facing Bar Associations," National Conference of Bar Presidents Midyear meeting, San Diego, February 16, 2001; speaker, "Arbitration in the New Millennium," American Arbitration Association Joint Program, January 25, 2001; speaker, "Law Practice Management: Ethics, Conflicts and Money," Institute of Continuing Legal Education Georgia, January 11, 2001; speaker, "Defending Depositions Considering Especially the New Federal Rules," Georgia, December 15, 2000; speaker, "New Trends in the Legal Profession, Multidisciplinary Practice, Multijurisdictional Practice and Others," Atlanta Bar Association, December 7, 2000; speaker, "The New Ethics Rules and How They Could Change Your Practice," Institute of Continuing Legal Education Georgia," November 17, 2000; speaker, "Running for Bar Office," Institute of Continuing Legal Education Georgia, September 15, 2000; numerous other speaking engagements.

\$695 Per Hour **Mediation Rate** 

English Languages

United States of America Citizenship

Atlanta, GA Locale

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