



W. Graham Burgess

Shareholder

Bar admissions: Alabama, 2004

Practice Areas

- Commercial and industrial financing
- Commercial and industrial real estate
- Real estate financing
- Real estate litigation
- Eminent domain
- Title insurance
- Planning, zoning, subdivision, and land use
- Construction law
- Landlord and tenant law
- Business and commercial transactions
- Asset-based financing

Profile

As a member of the firm's Banking and Real Estate Practice Group, Mr. Burgess' practice is concentrated on commercial lending, real estate lending, secured transactions, loan restructuring, and real estate construction and development. His clients include traditional and non-traditional lenders, private equity investors, and commercial borrowers whom he advises in the areas of commercial loan procurement, restructuring, and workouts. Mr. Burgess routinely advises clients about the acquisition and disposition of both developed and undeveloped real estate. He represents commercial landlords and tenants in the negotiation of office, retail, and ground leases. He also advises clients about general contract work, entity formation, equity reorganization, and dissolution.

Mr. Burgess is a member of the firm's executive committee.

Representative Transactions

- Served as lead counsel for the lender providing a \$9 million bridge loan to a developer of a mixed-use project.
- Served as lead counsel for a hotel developer in \$40 million construction project for a suite hotel.
- Served as lead counsel for the developer in public-private project for converting a municipal parking garage into a retail facility.
- Served as lead counsel to lender in \$25 million mixed-use (retail, multifamily, and hospitality) project.
- Served as lead counsel to lender in construction of \$24 million outpatient surgery and medical office facility.
- Served as lead counsel to hotel developer with projects under development valued at more than \$100 million.

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Representative Transactions (continued)

- Served as local issuing agent for national title insurer on \$38 million construction-loan facility.
- Served as lead counsel to lender in \$16.5 million multistate floor-plan transaction.
- Represented lender in \$6.39 million construction-loan facility for medical office complex.
- Represented lender in \$6 million workout.
- Served as lead counsel to lender in \$5 million senior term debt facility.
- Served as local counsel to international lender in \$75 million real estate loan transaction.

Honors and Awards

- Rated BV by the Martindale-Hubbell Legal Directory. A BV rating indicates that a lawyer's peers rank him at a distinguished level of professional excellence.
- Superlawyers.com has named him a Rising Star for 2011, 2017, 2018, and 2019 in the areas of banking, real estate, and business and corporate law.

Professional Associations

American Bar Association

Alabama Bar Association

Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association
President, Young Lawyers Section, 2007

Education

J.D., 2004, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
Senior Editor, *Alabama Law Review*
Justice, Law School Honor Court
Farrah Law Society
Christian Legal Society

B.S., 2001, Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, AL
Varsity Baseball Team

Other Experience

Member, Alabama State Board of Directors for Renasant Bank, 2017-present
Advisory Board Member, Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation, Inc., 2017-present
Deacon, Christ Presbyterian Church, 2010-present
Huntsville Committee of 100, Young Professionals Division, 2007-2008
Board Member, James A. Lane Boys and Girls Club, 2005-2007
President, Huntsville-Madison County Young Lawyers, 2006-2007
Graduate, Leadership Huntsville Madison County Connect Class 5, 2007
Minor League Baseball Player, St. Paul Saints, St. Paul, MN, 2001

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