



## Thomas J. Whiteford

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## BIOGRAPHY

Mr. Whiteford focuses on real estate, business, commercial, employment and insurance related litigation matters. He represents national and local clients in negotiations and litigation involving land use disputes, real estate, riparian rights and construction defects. He also handles litigation involving cemeteries and funeral homes. He regularly advises a range of companies, particularly real estate developers, commercial lessors, cemeteries and providers of funeral services, with regard to potential litigation and other business-related decisions. Mr. Whiteford is also experienced in the representation of licensed medical professionals before a range of governing bodies both in hearings and on appeal. He serves on the Boards of two continuing care retirement communities.

## RECOGNITIONS

- AV Peer Review Rated: Martindale-Hubbell
- Listed in *Best Lawyers in America*, 2013 - present
- Listed in *Maryland Super Lawyers*, 2007 - present

## MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

## PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Real Estate

Business Litigation

Condemnation / Eminent Domain

Products Liability, Toxic Exposure & Environmental Litigation

Continuing Care Retirement Communities, Long Term Care, Assisted Living

Lead Paint

Labor and Employment Litigation

Personal Injury Litigation

Construction and Real Estate Litigation

## EDUCATION

University of Baltimore School of Law, 1992, J.D.

Bucknell University, 1989, B.A.

- Section Head: Real Estate Litigation (2009 - present)
  - Member: Federal Bar Association; Board Member (2012)
  - Member: Baltimore County Bar Association
  - Member: ICCFA (International Cemetery, Cremation & Funeral Association)
  - Law Clerk for the Honorable James T. Smith, Circuit Court for Baltimore County
  - Staff Attorney: Legal Aid Bureau, Child in Need and Assistance Division
  - President: Board of Alumni Association Friends School (2002-2004)
  - Former Trustee: Maryland Science Center
  - Former Board Member: The Wesley, Retirement Community and Nursing Home in Mt. Washington
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## **ADMISSIONS**

Maryland

U.S. District Court: District of Maryland

## **CEMETERIES AND FUNERAL HOMES**

- Counseling, advising and representation of cemetery and funeral home owners throughout the State of Maryland.
- Representation includes risk management solutions, real estate development issues, resolution of customer complaints, advice and direct representation before the Maryland Board of Morticians, and the Office of Cemetery Oversight.

## **REAL ESTATE LITIGATION**

- Representation of national and local clients in negotiations and litigation involving land use disputes, boundary disputes, zoning issues, condemnation, riparian rights, landlord/tenant disputes and construction defects in the various State and Federal courts in Maryland.

## **BUSINESS LITIGATION**

- Representation of national and local clients with regard to contract negotiation and enforcement, non-compete clauses, liability defense and employment related matters.

## **PRODUCTS LIABILITY, TOXIC EXPOSURE & ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION**

- Representation of individuals, companies and governmental agencies in the defense of environmental claims impacting upon real estate in the various State and Federal courts of Maryland.
- Includes matters related to governmental takings as a result of environmental contamination and the valuation of and clean-up costs associated with environmental contamination of real property.

## **LEAD PAINT LITIGATION**

- Representation of individual owners and corporate property owners in the defense of lead paint litigation throughout the State of Maryland
- Includes the defense of uninsured claims, as well as claims handled through all the major insurance companies defending such claims.

## **REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, LEASING AND LAND USE**

- Working closely with our Land Use attorneys handling the development process, assist national and local clients in negotiations and litigation involving land use disputes, boundary disputes, zoning issues, condemnation, riparian rights, landlord/tenant disputes and construction defects in the various State and Federal courts in Maryland.

## **CONDEMNATION/EMINENT DOMAIN**

- Representation of property owners, including State entities in eminent domain and condemnation proceedings before Circuit Courts throughout Maryland.

## **LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LITIGATION**

- Represent employers against wrongful termination, discrimination and employment-related lawsuits in federal and state courts as well as local administrative agencies