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Services

Arbitration & Mediation, Commercial / Corporate Litigation, Cybersecurity, Employment Litigation, Financial Institution Disputes, Government Affairs & Investigations, Labor & Employment, Receiverships, Non-Compete & Trade Secrets, Unfair Competition & False Advertising, Real Estate,

Chip is a seasoned litigator and community leader who helps clients successfully resolve multiple types of business disputes, including those involving noncompetes & trade secrets, contract breaches, and local government issues.

Chip represents companies and executives in disputes involving noncompete agreements and trade secrets. In representing companies, his focus is on achieving a cost-effective result through court order or settlement that protects the company’s valuable customer and client relationships and confidential information. In representing executives and their new employers, Chip’s goal is to avoid or limit the effect of overreaching agreements and allow the executive to fairly utilize his or her accumulated knowledge and skill. Chip also drafts noncompete agreements, develops trade secret protection programs, and counsels companies and executives regarding such matters in an attempt to avoid the types of problems that lead to costly litigation.

Chip’s practice also includes the representation of financial institutions and other businesses in a wide variety of commercial disputes, including those involving breach of contract, copyrights, receiverships, guarantor actions, fraud, fraudulent transfer, large commercial collections, landlord/tenant issues, and real estate.

Through his service on the Sandy Springs City Council and in other community leadership positions, Chip has obtained a wealth of practical experience that has allowed him to effectively advise and assist clients in dealings with local governments, including land use and zoning, permitting, code enforcement and condemnation matters.

Publications

- *Daily Report*: Theft of Trade Secrets by Cyberattack: Mitigating the Damage

- Early Court Opinions Construing Georgia's New Non-Compete Statute Confirm Need for Employers to Execute New Agreements.

Education

J.D., *cum laude*, University of Georgia School of Law
A.B., University of Georgia

Licensed In

Georgia

Honors & Awards

- Benchmark Litigation Star (2015-17)
- Barrister, Bleckley Inn of Court
- Guest lecturer, Emory School of Law

Professional Associations

American Bar Association
State Bar of Georgia
Atlanta Bar Association

Community Involvement

Sandy Springs City Councilman (2009-13)
Chair, Sandy Springs Development Authority (2014-17)
President, Sandy Springs Bar Association (2016)
President-Elect, Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber (2017)
President, Sandy Springs Bar Association (2016)
Riverwood International Charter School Building Committee (2015-7)
President, Cameron Glen Civic Association (2014-5)
Northside Youth Organization (Coach (2003-16)), Positive Coaching Award (2008)
President, Committee for Sandy Springs (2005)

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