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**Practice Areas**  
Construction Litigation  
Commercial Litigation  
Government Liability  
Civil Rights Litigation  
Financial Institution Litigation  
First Amendment  
Health Care Law Litigation  
Zoning and Lane Use Litigation

**Education**  
A.S., Young Harris College, 1982  
A.B., University of Georgia, 1984  
J.D., Georgia State University College  
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## D. Michael Williams

Trial and appellate practice focusing on construction litigation, commercial litigation, government liability, First Amendment and Civil Rights litigation, financial institution litigation, healthcare litigation and zoning and land use litigation. Serves as trial counsel to local governments, regional financial institutions and national health care companies.

### Representative Experience:

- Served as trial counsel in a variety of construction litigation matters involving contract disputes and claims related to construction defects and material failures.
- Defended financial institutions, officers and directors in actions for fraud, breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract claims.
- Defended local governments in a variety of 42 USC § 1982 civil rights claims, employment issues and First Amendment issues.
- Counseled and assisted companies in various government regulatory investigations.
- Defended numerous corporations in complex business disputes and commercial litigation issues.
- Defended businesses and officers in RICO actions.
- Represented numerous local governments, developers and individuals in zoning and land use litigation.
- Former City of Attorney handled numerous bond validations and related litigation.

### Representative Cases:

- *Inner Visions v. City of Smyrna*, 260 Ga. 902, 400 S.E.2d (1991)
- *Gravely v. Bacon et al.*, 263 Ga. 203, 429 S.E.2d (1993)
- *Turley v. Lithia Springs*, 241 Ga. App. 272, 526 S.E.2d 364 (1999)

Admissions to Practice:

- Georgia State and Superior Courts
- Georgia Court of Appeals and Supreme Court
- United States District Court, Northern District
- Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals

Professional Memberships and Affiliations:

- Georgia Highway Contractors Association
- Lawyers Club of Atlanta

Publications and Speeches:

- Mr. Williams has been a speaker and lead training seminars at local government conferences on First Amendment and public employment issues.
- Mr. Williams is a frequent columnist for *The Georgia Contractor* magazine:
  - "New Considerations for Joint Venture Agreements," May/June 2011
  - "Taking the LEED: Litigation Predictions and Protections," March/April 2011
  - "BIM Technology: Assessing Your Legal Risks," *The Georgia Contractor*, May/June 2010