Stuart M. Jones

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Stuart is a partner in the firm's Charlotte office and focuses on commercial real estate development. His practice covers a wide range of real estate matters, including acquisitions, development, financing, leasing, management, and dispositions of all property types.

OVERVIEW

Stuart principally represents real estate owners, developers, investors and tenants in office, retail, single-family residential, self-storage, industrial, and mixed-use projects. Such representation includes the negotiation of complex purchase and sale agreements and the drafting of land use documents such as development agreements, easements, declarations, cost-sharing agreements, and restrictive covenants. Stuart also regularly represents clients in the preparation and negotiation of complex office, industrial, and retail leases for space in urban and suburban markets throughout the U.S.

A native of Charlotte, Stuart joined the firm in 2014 after having previously practiced with an international AmLaw 100 law firm.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represents a self-storage and marina developer and operator in site acquisition, development, leasing, and financing of properties in the Southeastern United States, Oklahoma, and Texas, having worked on more than 50 sites to date.
- Represents a commercial real estate firm in the acquisition, financing, development, disposition, and leasing of medical office buildings located in Florida, Georgia, Indiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. Tenants have included hospital systems, single-specialty and multispecialty medical clinics, and solo practitioners.
- Counsels a private equity firm with respect to the leasing and management of a shopping center portfolio in the Southeastern United States and Ohio.
- Represents a residential home builder and developer in the acquisition, development, and financing of residential subdivisions.
- Represents the nation's largest tire distributor in all real estate-related matters.
- Represents a private investment firm in the leasing of medical office buildings located in Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, and Tennessee.

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- Represents a real estate development company in site acquisition, development and financing of single-tenant retail properties in the Southeastern United States.
- Represented the investor of a joint venture in connection with the acquisition and redevelopment of a 75-acre site in Charlotte, NC, representing one of the U.S.'s largest current adaptive reuse projects.
- Represented a large, national financial institution on a nationwide basis relative to disposition of more than $150 million of owned real property acquired by foreclosure.
- Advised a national residential home builder on the real estate aspects of a $100 million asset purchase that included all real estate holdings of the target company.
- Represented a commercial mortgage REIT in the leasing of office portfolios.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch*: Real Estate Law (2024)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Real Estate
- Real Estate Leasing

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of South Carolina Joseph F. Rice School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, Order of the Wig and Robe*, 2012, articles editor, *South Carolina Law Review*
- University of Georgia, B.A., *magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa*, 2007

BAR ADMISSIONS

- North Carolina

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "Not Perfect, but Better Than Most: South Carolina's TPR Process and Its Surprisingly Fair Treatment of Incarcerated Parents," 62nd *South Carolina Law Review*, Rev. 697, Articles, 2011.