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BIOGRAPHY

Mr. Whiteford is a veteran trial lawyer with extensive experience in real estate, business, commercial, and insurance-related disputes, as well as with claims of personal injury. He has especially deep experience representing national and local developers and lessors in negotiations and litigation involving land use disputes, real estate, and riparian rights. His additional sector experience includes representation of clients in the senior living, cemetery and funeral home industries, as well as representation of licensed medical professionals before administrative boards.

RECOGNITIONS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Real Estate (2013–2027), Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs (2026, 2027)
 - Lawyer of the Year, Litigation-Real Estate (2024, 2027)
- AV Preeminent® : Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

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[Lead Paint](#)

EDUCATION

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

Bucknell University, 1989, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

Maryland

MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

- Past Board Member: National Lutheran Communities & Services
- Member: ICCFA (International Cemetery, Cremation & Funeral Association)
- Member: Federal Bar Association (Board Member, 2012)
- Member: Baltimore County Bar Association

CLERKSHIP

- Honorable James T. Smith, Baltimore County Circuit Court

LITIGATION

- Represent 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
- Represent individuals, companies and governmental agencies in defense of environmental claims impacting real estate, including 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
- Represent individual owners and corporate property owners in defense of lead paint litigation, including defense of uninsured claims, as well as claims handled through major insurance companies
- Represent national and local clients in negotiations and litigation arising out of the funeral industry in both State Courts and before administrative boards

PERSONAL INJURY LITIGATION

- Represent clients in negotiations and litigation pertaining to personal injury matters

CEMETERIES AND FUNERAL HOMES

- Counsel, advise and represent cemetery and funeral home owners throughout the State of Maryland

U.S. District Court: District 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

LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

- Counsel, advise and represent physicians and nursing professionals throughout the State of Maryland with regard to actions taken by administrative boards, including the Maryland Board of Physicians and the Maryland Board of Nursing

REAL ESTATE

- Represent property owners, including state entities, in eminent domain and condemnation proceedings

INSIGHTS

Co-Presenter, "Overview of Legal Issues of Importance to Nonprofit Communities," LeadingAge Maryland & DC Conference and Expo (June 2021)

Co-Presenter, "COVID-Related Lawsuits: Identifying Risks, Understanding Reopening and Preparing for Litigation," LeadingAge Maryland & DC Annual Conference, Virtual (October 2020)

Co-Presenter, "What Claims Will Communities Likely See? What Will be the Possible Increased Obligations as Communities Begin To Reopen?," Webinar, LeadingAge Virginia (July 21, 2020)