



## Charles W. Surasky

Partner

**CHARLES W. SURASKY** received his B.A. degree cum laude from the University of South Carolina in 1973. He received his J.D. degree in 1978 from George Washington University where he served as a member of the Law Review and graduated with honors. While in law school, Charles served as research and writing assistant to Professor John Cibinic of the George Washington University Government Contracts Program. During this time, he worked extensively on the publication of the two volume third edition of Federal Procurement Law.

Charles began working in the construction industry in 1969 as a millwright for Daniel International Construction Company. He worked as a millwright and millwright foreman on projects in Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina and South Carolina before starting law school in 1975.

Charles joined Smith, Currie & Hancock in 1978. Since then he has specialized in both government and construction contracts. He is a member of the bars of Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and the District of Columbia. Charles has had a wide range of trial experience before federal boards of contract appeals, arbitration panels and state and federal courts. He has been lead counsel in the resolution of complex cases in Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Texas, Arizona, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Arkansas, Louisiana, Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky. Charles also has extensive experience with mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution.

Charles is counsel for the Georgia Utility Contractors Association and an active member of the National Utility Contractors Association. He has served as a member of GUCA's board of directors, was GUCA's 2003-2004 Associate Member of the Year, and was NUCA's 2009 Associate Member of the Year.

Charles was born and raised in South Carolina. His wife Valerie is a native of Greensboro, North Carolina.

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### Articles & Publications

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- "Application of the U.C.C. to a Contractor's Relationship with Its Suppliers," *The Construction Lawyer*, Volume 29, Number 4, Fall 2009.
- "Arbitration Awards: ADR," *A Practical Guide*, (co-author), Kendall/Hunt Publishing, Dubuque, Iowa, 1994.

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### Areas of Practice

- Construction Law
- Government Contracts
- Environmental Law

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### Education

- University of South Carolina (B.A., English Literature, cum laude, 1973)
- George Washington University National Law Center (J.D., with Honors, 1978)
- George Washington University Law Review (1976 - 1978)

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### Bar and Court Admissions

- Georgia, 1978
- District of Columbia, 1982
- Florida, 1991
- South Carolina, 1992

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### Professional Activities

- Death Penalty Post Conviction Appeals, 1989 - 2003

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### Other Experience

- Daniel Construction Company, Millwright, 1973 - 1975
- Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge, Associate, 1979