



## Aubrey L. Coleman, Jr.

Senior Partner

**AUBREY L. COLEMAN, JR.** received his Bachelor of Arts degree *cum laude* from Tulane University in 1964 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his L.L.B. degree from Vanderbilt University in 1967 where he was Managing Editor of the *Vanderbilt Law Review* and was elected to the Order of the Coif. Following graduation from law school, he practiced in Memphis, Tennessee with Burch, Porter & Johnson until he entered the Army in 1968. Mr. Coleman was a Captain in the Transportation Corps stationed at Oakland Army Base where he held a top

secret security clearance. He joined Smith, Currie & Hancock in January 1970 and he is a Senior Partner in the firm. Mr. Coleman is married and has four daughters.

While with the firm, Mr. Coleman has represented general contractors, subcontractors, construction managers, owners, developers, design professionals, sureties, and design/build companies. His clients and cases have ranged from representing a design/build contractor on numerous U.S. Embassy projects to a bid protest before the GAO in Washington, D.C.; from representing a general contractor on a project in Los Alamos, New Mexico to representing a steel erector on the Frito-Lay National Headquarters in Plano, Texas; from representing a subcontractor on the LBJ Library in Austin, Texas to representing three subcontractors on a hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia; and from representing a chemical plant owner in Texas to a designer/construction administrator on a microchip facility in Idaho.

Mr. Coleman has been lead counsel in more than 75 arbitrations, bench trials, and jury trials in federal and state courts and before Boards of Contract Appeals. He has lectured at Emory Law School, Florida State Law School, and Georgia Tech. He has conducted seminars for Auburn University, the University of Kentucky Law School, Georgia State University, Professional Education Systems, Inc., and Federal Publications. He spoke at Federal Publications' seminars across the United States for over ten consecutive years. He has spoken at the AGC National Convention and at the National Electrical Contractors Association Convention in Maui, Hawaii. His publications include *Georgia Construction Law*, published by Professional Education Systems, Inc. in 1986. He is also co-author of *Litigation with a Surety in Construction Default: The Contractor's Bond*, published by Practising Law Institute in 1976 and *Avoiding and Resolving Construction Claims and Disputes*, most recently published by Federal Publications, Inc. in 2000.

In 2004, he was listed in the Top 100 Georgia Super Lawyers, *Atlanta Magazine*. The *2007 International Who's Who of Construction Lawyers*, recognized him as one of 19 lawyers selected in Georgia. Chambers USA has listed him as one of America's Leading Business Lawyers in the area of construction law for five consecutive years.

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### Areas of Practice

- Construction Law
- Government Contracts
- Surety Law

### Education

- Tulane University (B.A., Political Science, *cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, 1964)
- Vanderbilt University School of Law (LL.B., Order of the Coif, *Law Review*, 1967)
- Vanderbilt Law Review, Managing Editor (1966 - 1967)

### Bar and Court Admissions

- Tennessee, 1967
- Georgia, 1970
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Georgia, 1970
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Georgia, 1986
- U.S. Court of Appeals 5th Circuit, 1970
- U.S. Court of Appeals 4th Circuit, 1977
- U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit, 1981
- U.S. Court of Appeals Federal Circuit, 1983
- U.S. Supreme Court, 2000

### Professional Activities

- Sigma Alpha Epsilon



Selected by peers for inclusion as a construction lawyer in the 2007 The Best Lawyers in America. Member of the AAA Panel of Arbitrators.

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### Articles & Publications

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- *Georgia Construction Law*, co-author, Professional Education Systems, 1986
- *Avoiding and Resolving Construction Claims and Disputes*, co-author, Federal Publications Seminars, LLC., 2001

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### Representative Matters

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- *North Augusta Associates v. 1815 Exchange, Inc.*, 469 S.E.2d 759 ( Ga. App. 1996)
- *Allen M. Campbell Co. v. Virginia Metal Industries, Inc.*, 708 F.2d 930 (4th U.S. Ct. of Appeals 1983)
- *Jacksonville Port Authority v. Parkhill-Goodloe Co.*, 362 So.2d 1009 ( Fla. 1978)
- Allen & O'Hara Construction Co., LLC
- C Construction Co., Inc.
- Caddell Construction Company
- Chapman Corporation
- Coors Brewing Company
- Diversified, Inc.
- Duke University
- McCarl's Inc.
- RPC Mechanical, Inc.
- The Saxon Group
- Whitehead Electric Company
- Williams Group International, Inc.

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### Classes & Seminars Taught

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- Author and lecturer on various aspects of construction law, including participation in courses presented by: Georgia State University, Georgia Tech University, University of Kentucky Law School, Florida State Law School and Emory Law School, Professional Education Systems, Inc., and Federal Publications, Inc.
- *Avoiding and Resolving Construction Claims and Disputes*, Federal Publications, 1985 - 2001

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### Other Experience

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- United States Army, Captain, 1968 - 1969
- Burch, Porter & Johnson, Memphis, TN, 1967