



## Charles E. Rogers

*Partner*

**CHARLES E. ROGERS** is a partner in the Atlanta office of Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP.

Charlie focuses his practice on the representation of parties involved with the design, construction, ownership and development of commercial and residential construction projects. This representation includes traditional litigation, contract drafting and negotiation, alternative dispute resolution and general consultation, for projects and matters ranging from office, shopping center and retail complexes to multi-family residential and

condominiums, mass transit infrastructure, major highway design and construction and large scale residential development. Charlie actively represents design professionals, developers, owners, general contractors, subcontractors and insurers in many of the same aspects of construction-related disputes. This representation has, with respect to actual litigation, included the utilization of mainstream alternative dispute resolution methods such as mediation and arbitration, through the assistance of the American Arbitration Association and other nationally recognized third-party neutrals, and the defense and pursuit of claims in all levels of state courts and in the District Courts of Georgia, Maryland, Washington, D.C. and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals within the United States Federal Courts.

Charlie's construction practice also encompasses a growing specialty in handicap accessibility compliance in the context of design and construction, which includes both state and federal accessibility statutes which are or may be applicable to the myriad types of residential and commercial buildings being designed, constructed or developed in today's marketplace. Accessibility compliance services can, and often do, take the form of consultation which occurs outside of the context of formal court filings or litigation, as well as the active defense of allegations of non-compliance which are asserted in formal complaints filed in various U.S. District Courts throughout the country. In addition to assisting construction professionals in the resolution of disputed claims and other contested issues, Charlie is actively involved in providing consultation relating to contracts and other construction-related documents, the resolution of construction-phase issues, the interpretation of contractual responsibilities and obligations and the development of appropriate risk management procedures and safeguards. Charlie also regularly participates in the presentation of annual risk management seminars to construction professionals, risk management specialists and insurance representatives.

In both 2005 and 2006, Charlie was identified by Law & Politics and Atlanta Magazine as a "Rising Star," and one of Atlanta's best lawyers under 40.

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### Areas of Practice

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- Construction Law
- Government Contracts
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Litigation
- Contracts
- Professional Liability

### Education

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- Duke University (B.A., 1989)
- Emory University (J.D., 1993)

### Bar and Court Admissions

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- Georgia, 1993

### Memberships

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- State Bar of Georgia, Member
- American Bar Association, Litigation Section and Construction Industry Forum
- Atlanta Bar Association, Litigation and Construction Law Sections



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### Classes & Seminars Taught

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- Lecturer on design, construction and handicap accessibility for various CLE programs and professional organizations.