

William "Chip" Collins, Jr.

Partner

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Chip Collins is a seasoned litigator and community leader who helps clients successfully resolve multiple types of business disputes, including those involving noncompetes & trade secrets, contract breaches, and local government issues.

Chip represents companies and executives in disputes involving noncompete agreements and trade secrets. In representing companies, his focus is on achieving a cost-effective result through court order or settlement that protects the company's valuable customer and client relationships and confidential information. In representing executives and their new employers, Chip's goal is to avoid or limit the effect of overreaching agreements and allow the executive to fairly utilize his or her accumulated knowledge and skill. Chip also drafts noncompete agreements, develops trade secret protection programs, and counsels companies and executives regarding such matters in an attempt to avoid the types of problems that lead to costly litigation.

Chip's practice also includes the representation of financial institutions and other businesses in a wide variety of commercial disputes, including those involving breach of contract, copyrights, receiverships, guarantor actions, fraud, fraudulent transfer, large commercial collections, landlord/tenant issues, and real estate.

Through his service on the Sandy Springs City Council and in other community leadership positions, Chip has obtained a wealth of practical experience that has allowed him to effectively advise and assist clients in dealings with local governments, including land use and zoning, permitting, code enforcement and condemnation matters.

Honors & Recognition

- *Benchmark*, Litigation Star (2015-17, 2021, 2023)

PARALEGAL/ASSISTANT

Legal Practice Assistant

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CAPABILITIES

Mediators & Arbitrators
Commercial Litigation
Employment Litigation
Financial Institution Disputes
Government Investigations
Labor & Employment
Receiverships
Non-Compete & Trade Secrets
Unfair Competition & False Advertising
Real Estate
Commercial Arbitration
Land Use & Zoning

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Georgia School of Law

cum laude

A.B., University of Georgia

LICENSED IN

Georgia

William "Chip" Collins, Jr.

- Barrister, Bleckley Inn of Court
- Guest lecturer, Emory School of Law

News

- 9 Burr & Forman Partners Have Been Recognized by *Benchmark Litigation*
Firm News, 10.06.2023
- Atlanta Partner Chip Collins Appointed to the Sandy Springs Charter Commission
Firm News, 01.25.2021
- Burr Partner Chip Collins Plays Important Role in Creating Greenspace in Atlanta Metro Community
Firm News, 09.18.2018
- Burr's Chip Collins Featured in *The Atlanta Journal Constitution* on How the Attack on Atlanta's Computer System is Impacting Services
Firm News, 03.28.2018
- Burr & Forman Announces The Formation Of Its Cybersecurity, Privacy, And Data Protection Service Group
Firm News, 08.27.2015

Speaking Engagements

- The Knowledge Group Webinar: Trade Secrets Law and Non-Compete Agreements: Trends and Updates for Companies to Avoid Litigation Pitfalls
Speaking Engagement, 10.08.2019
- The Knowledge Group Webinar: Defend Trade Secrets Act Litigation in the 2018 Landscape
Speaking Engagement, 08.14.2018
- Speaker: Financial Planning Association of Georgia's 2018 FPA Regional Symposium
Speaking Engagement, Cobb Galleria; Atlanta, GA, 05.09.2018
- Guest Lecturer, Emory University School of Law
Speaking Engagement, Emory University School of Law; Atlanta, GA, 11.14.2017
- Fulton County Swearing-In Ceremony
Speaking Engagement, Atlanta, GA, 12.02.2016

Articles

- *Sandy Springs Reporter*: Sandy Springs Charter Review Commission members disagree on term limits for mayor, council
Articles / Publications, 05.05.2021
- "Eight Tips to Protect Your Trade Secrets with Effective Restrictive Covenant Agreements," IPWatchdog
Articles / Publications, 12.17.2019
- *Daily Report*: Theft of Trade Secrets by Cyberattack: Mitigating the Damage
Articles / Publications, 07.11.2017

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Civic Activities

- Chair, Sandy Springs Development Authority (2014-17, 2023-24)
- Member, Sandy Springs Charter Commission (2021)
- Sandy Springs City Councilman (2009-13)
- President, Sandy Springs Bar Association (2016)
- President-Elect, Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber (2017)
- President, Sandy Springs Bar Association (2016)
- Riverwood International Charter School Building Committee (2015-17)
- President, Cameron Glen Civic Association (2014-15)
- Northside Youth Organization (Coach (2003-16), Positive Coaching Award (2008)
- President, Committee for Sandy Springs (2005)

Professional Activities

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Georgia
- Atlanta Bar Association