

Commercial Real Estate Seminar



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104 Marietta St. NW
Suite 100 Atlanta, GA 30303

November 13, 2025

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE SEMINAR

OUR SPEAKERS



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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2025

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE SEMINAR SCHEDULE



REAL PROPERTY
LAW SECTION

PRESIDING:

Paula Rothenberger,
Counsel, Smith Gambrell Russell

Kyle J. Levstek,
Managing Partner, Calloway Title and Escrow, LLC

7:30 am Registration and Breakfast
All attendees must check-in

8:30 am Welcome Address and Program Overview
Kyle J. Levstek

8:35 am Common Litigation Issues Arising from Commercial Real Estate Transactions
Katherine M. Silverman, Shareholder, Berman Fink Van Horn P.C.
Charles Van Horn, Shareholder, Berman Fink Van Horn P.C.

9:35 am Environmental Update
Wyatt Kendall, Partner, Taft | Morris Manning

10:35 am Break

10:45 am 5 Questions Lawyers Always Ask about Surveys
Mark Chastain, President, Chastain & Associates P.C.

11:45 am Lunch

12:30 pm Small Business Administration Lending in Commercial Transactions
Valerie A. Parente, Partner, Davis, Pickren, Seydel & Sneed, LLP

1:30 pm Artificial Intelligence in Commercial Real Estate
Rick Diamond, Vice President of Information Technology, Agency Operations,
Fidelity National Financial

2:30 pm FinCEN for Commercial Attorneys
Jonathan B. Wilson, Shareholder, Buchalter PC, CEO FinCEN Report Company

Commercial Real Estate Seminar Co-Chairs

Paula Rothenberger, Counsel, Smith Gambrell Russell



Paula Rothenberger has over 15 years of experience in complex commercial real estate transactions involving multi-property portfolios, joint venture relationships, distressed assets and challenging title or survey issues. She counsels national property developers, owners, investors, and lenders through all stages of the real estate development finance process. Paula has significant experience representing public utilities in the acquisition and disposition of property rights for energy transmission and renewable energy projects. Paula's deal management and negotiation skills efficiently move transactions from concept to closing.

She is the commercial real estate co-chair of the State Bar of Georgia's Real Property Law Section. Through her pro bono work, Paula has served with Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation's Advocates Against Domestic Violence Project and with Georgia Appleseed's Georgia Heirs Property Project and Juvenile Justice Reform Project. She serves her community by volunteering with the Cherokee County Election Board as an election precinct manager.

Paula received her B.F.A. degree, magna cum laude, in Arts Management from Brenau University. She graduated, cum laude, earning her J.D. from Georgia State University College of Law. While at Georgia State Paula served as Research-Associate Editor of the Georgia State University Law Review and as an Urban Fellow with the Georgia State University Center for Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth. She was awarded the Attorneys' Title Guaranty Scholarship Award for Excellence in Real Estate Law and the CALI Award for Excellence in the Bankruptcy and Advanced Real Estate Transactions courses.

Kyle J. Levstek, Calloway Title and Escrow, LLC



Kyle J. Levstek received his Bachelor of Arts in English from Kennesaw State University in 2007. Prior to attending KSU, he attended Missouri Valley College on a football scholarship. Kyle received his Juris Doctor from Atlanta's John Marshall Law School in 2011. He was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 2011 and maintains active memberships with the Atlanta Bar Association and the Southeast Land Title Association. Presently, he is the Immediate Past President and Georgia Membership Chairman of the SLTA. He also serves on the Executive Committee of the Real Property Section of the State Bar of Georgia.

Kyle started working for Calloway Title in 2000 as a copy room assistant and worked through the roles of legal assistant, title examiner, and senior closer before accomplishing his goal of passing the State Bar of Georgia in 2011 and returning to Calloway Title as an Associate Attorney. He became a member of the Tennessee Bar Association in 2017.

Kyle and his wife, Crystal, reside in Acworth, Georgia with their children, Cloey and Carter. Kyle and his family are members of West Ridge Church in Dallas, Georgia.

Guest Speakers

Charles Van Horn, Berman Fink Van Horn P.C.



Chuck Van Horn resolves business disputes. A shareholder at Berman Fink Van Horn, Chuck's areas of concentration include business and commercial litigation.

With an emphasis in litigation arising out of real estate transactions, Chuck represents financial institutions, mortgage companies, loan default services, title companies, attorneys, and other real estate professionals, including brokers, appraisers, builders, developers, and contractors, representing both plaintiffs and defendants in disputes involving construction defects.

Katherine Silverman, Berman Fink Van Horn P.C.



Katherine Silverman is a business litigator with a unique depth of experience in handling commercial real estate disputes. She previously worked at a boutique real estate firm, where she assisted clients with issues related to leasing, development, and investment in commercial real estate. Today, a Shareholder at Berman Fink Van Horn, Katherine uses her litigation skills to problem solve for her clients – whether in real estate disputes or general business litigation.

Jonathan B. Wilson, Buchalter PC, CEO, Fincen Report Co.



Jonathan B. Wilson is a Shareholder in the Firm's Atlanta office and a member of the Corporate practice group. Mr. Wilson is a seasoned attorney with more than 34 years of experience guiding growing private and public companies. He has represented both start-ups and Fortune 100 companies in matters involving corporate finance and governance, securities, mergers and acquisitions, strategic alliances, product distribution, intellectual property, computer software, and litigation management.

Mr. Wilson was the founding Chair of the Internet Industry Committee of the American Bar Association (Public Utility Section), serving in that role for more than a decade, and later founded the Section's Renewable Energy Committee as well.

Mr. Wilson has been the general counsel or chief legal officer of two publicly-traded companies and has guided both public and private corporate boards through contentious matters, including proxy contests, non-arms-length transactions, and other controversies.

Mr. Wilson is an often-cited authority on The Corporate Transparency Act, having authored *The Corporate Transparency Act Compliance Guide* (Matthew Bender, 2023), and more recently publishing *FinCEN Reporting For Residential Real Estate* (2025).

Wyatt Kendall, Taft | Morris Manning, LLP

Wyatt Kendall focuses his practice on brownfield redevelopment and urban renewal projects and routinely advises local and national industrial, multi-family, mixed-use, and retail clients on the acquisition, development, disposition, management, and financing of properties with significant environmental issues and properties within urban and industrial areas across the country. He also represents corporate and lending clients on environmental issues in the context of a host of corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions. In this capacity, Wyatt undertakes and oversees environmental due diligence and regulatory processes, works with consultants, engineers, and other environmental professionals to evaluate and quantify potential liabilities, and drafts and negotiates agreements and environmental insurance policies to effectively allocate the risk of environmental liabilities between the parties.

Wyatt is knowledgeable in all aspects of the federal Superfund law (the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act) and its state equivalents (including Georgia's Hazardous Site Response Act) and has expertise across the country in state voluntary clean-up programs, underground storage tank (UST) programs, environmental due diligence, environmental compliance, wetlands/water permitting, and emerging environmental issues such as vapor intrusion, PFAs, and environmental justice.

Prior to joining Morris, Manning & Martin, Wyatt represented clients in environmental, energy, and transportation litigation. He also collaborated with businesses and other stakeholders to shape environmental and transportation policy, track and assess the changes to state and federal laws, and comment on proposed regulations and legislation. He is also knowledgeable in transportation planning, infrastructure funding and financing, public-private partnerships, transit-oriented development, and freight and logistics.

Valerie A. Parente, Davis, Pickren, Seydel & Sneed, LLP

Valerie A. Parente is a partner in the firm's real estate group and specializes in SBA loan transactions. Valerie joined the firm after spending 9 years as District Counsel at the U.S. Small Business Administration. During the last 4 years of her tenure at SBA, Valerie also served as Senior Counsel for 504 Loan Closings and Reviews. She has extensive knowledge concerning SBA policy and loan programs. Prior to joining SBA, Valerie was an associate at a firm specializing in real estate litigation.

Valerie graduated from the University of Georgia in 2007 with a degree in Spanish and graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law in 2010. Valerie is a member of the Georgia Bar and is admitted in the Northern and Middle Districts of Georgia.

Valerie lives in Brookhaven with her husband Jonathan, son Julian, and daughter Noa. In her spare time, you can find her teaching American Mahjong via the small business she cofounded.

Rick Diamond, Fidelity National Financial



Rick Diamond currently serves as Vice President of Information Technology, Agency Operations for Fidelity National Financial. Rick is involved in all I.T. initiatives in the company's agency operations nationwide. Rick maintains dialogue with agents and speaks throughout the country about technology, Digital Closing processes, A.I., RTP, Data Security, Wire Fraud, I.T. trends, and ways to use technology to assist in title processing and compliance. He consults with agents in many aspects of technology with the main focuses being: how to make the relationship easier between Title Agents and FNF through technology, how to streamline back office procedures to save time, money and to be more efficient, data security to protect the agents as well as their businesses, helping agents' clients close on their terms and how to use technology to grow their business. Rick is a staunch advocate for a great number of agents across the country and has a reputation for putting his clients ahead of all else. Rick has over 35 years of experience in the industry, he was VP, Division IT Director for 24 years and served as VP and State Manager.

Rick is a member of the American Land Title Association, ALTA's Best Practices Executive Committee, ALTA's Technology Committee, ALTA's Best Practices Committee, ALTA's Information Security Executive Committee, MMBA Technology Committee and the New England Land Title Association. He served on the Executive Board of Directors for Massachusetts Title, the oldest Title Insurance Company in the United States. He is a former board member and remains actively involved with the Room to Dream Foundation, a children's charity which donates renovation and home improvement services to chronically ill children in Massachusetts.

Mark Chastain, Chastain and Associates, P.C.



Mark Chastain, PLS, is President of Chastain & Associates, P.C. located in Ellijay, Georgia, which was established in 1995 and offers specialized land surveying services in Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Alabama, and South Carolina. He has an associate degree from Southern Tech and a bachelor's degree from Kennesaw State. From 2003 through 2021, he served on the Georgia Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors - where he reviewed licensure applications and worked with the Attorney General's office on disciplinary and enforcement actions. Mark is a corresponding member of the ALTA/NSPS Survey Standards Committee and a guest lecturer at the University of North Georgia on the legal aspects of land surveying. He is also a frequent presenter at seminars for the State Bar of Georgia, the Southeast Land Title Association, the Tennessee Land Title Association, and the Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia.

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Young Lawyers Division \$150
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