



## Charles W. Morris

### OF COUNSEL

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### OVERVIEW

Charles has been involved in the real estate and construction industry most of his life, starting as a delivery boy for a building supply company in high school, then as a common construction laborer at a nuclear electric-generating plant in Georgia for three summers in college.

His legal career since 1978 has been focused on the representation of developers, owners and investors on real estate projects of all types and sizes, including serving as lead developer and sponsor counsel on several of the larger projects in Texas and elsewhere. Among Charles' industry accomplishments are:

- Lead counsel in development and financing for a number of luxury hotels and spas.
- Advising in development, construction and leasing of large office projects in Dallas.
- Negotiating management agreements for hospitality venues.

Before joining the firm, Charles was a partner at Brown McCarroll and also practiced at Johnson & Wortley.

### Industry

Real Estate, Development, & Construction

### Services

Corporate Real Estate

Development Incentives & Tax Credits

Hospitality

Public-Private Partnerships (P3)

Real Estate Investment

## Experience

- Served as lead counsel for Woodbine Development Corp. for the development, capitalization and financing of Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa (San Antonio), Hyatt Regency Lost Pines (Austin/Bastrop) and Westin Kierland Resort (Scottsdale/Phoenix), along with a number of other projects.
- Represented JPI as lead counsel on development, construction financing and disposition of more than 20 luxury multifamily projects in Texas, Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, Colorado, Massachusetts and other states.
- Served as developer counsel for the development, construction, leasing and financing of several large office projects, including Comerica Tower, 1700 Pacific and Pacific Place in Dallas.
- Represented owner of a Holiday Inn in refinancing and negotiation of a new third-party management agreement.
- Represented owner in refinancing of an Intercontinental Hotel.
- Negotiated management agreements for major hospitality facilities, including hotels/resorts, restaurants, convention centers and catering venues.
- Represented landlords and tenants in numerous major leases, including bank headquarters facilities, grocery anchor leases, financeable ground leases, data center lease, law firm offices and large industrial spaces.

## Recognition

- BL Rankings' *The Best Lawyers in America*®
  - Real Estate Law, 2003, 2007-2008, 2010-2011, 2014-2026
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent
- Thomson Reuters' *Texas Super Lawyers*, Real Estate Law, 2003-2011

## Education

- J.D., University of Virginia School of Law
  - Order of the Coif
- A.B., University of Georgia
  - Political Science
  - *summa cum laude*
  - Phi Beta Kappa

## Admissions

- Texas

## Community Leadership

- Goodwill Industries of Dallas, Board of Directors, 2005-2010, 2012-present; Executive Committee, 2005-2010, 2012-present; outside real estate counsel (pro bono)



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