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Shareholder Attorney Bios

Custis Byars

Custis Byars, the firm's managing partner, is focused on areas of real estate law such as like kind exchanges and limited liability company law. He is based in the firm's Johns Island office. Born in Chapel Hill, N.C., Byars received his bachelor's degree from the College of Charleston and his law degree from the University of South Carolina. He is admitted to practice in the state courts of South Carolina and is a member of the South Carolina Bar Association. Before partnering with founder, Thomas G. Buist, to start the firm as it is known today, Byars worked in the contracting business for more than 10 years. He lives on James Island with his wife, Frances, and their two daughters.

Gray B. Taylor

Gray Taylor is a partner with the firm, who focuses his practice on real estate development, commercial real estate issues, real estate and construction litigation and representation of homeowners' and property owners' associations. A native of Memphis, Tenn., Taylor holds a bachelor's in natural resources from the University of the South, a master's in forestry from Clemson University and a law degree from the University of South Carolina. He is a member of both the Charleston County and the South Carolina Bar Associations and is admitted to practice in South Carolina, as well as the U.S. District Court. Taylor lives with his wife, Margaret, and their two children in Mt. Pleasant.



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Principal Attorney Bios

Amanda L. Callander

Amanda Callander, principal, joined the firm in April 2005. Amanda works in the firm's Mount Pleasant office where she focuses her practice on commercial real estate transactions. Before joining Buist, Byars and Taylor, she was an associate attorney at McNair Law Firm in Charleston. Born in Snyder, Texas, Amanda holds a bachelor's degree from the College of Charleston, where she graduated with honors, and a law degree from the University of South Carolina. She is a member of the American, South Carolina and Charleston County Bar Associations and is active in the St. Andrews Rotary Club. Amanda lives on James Island with her husband, Paul, and their children, daughter Rylie and son Brody.

G. Hamlin O'Kelley

Hamlin O'Kelley, principal, manages the firm's litigation practice and is located in the Mount Pleasant office. Prior to joining the firm, he was an associate attorney at Leath, Bouch & Crawford and at Simons & Keaveny, both of Charleston. He also clerked for the Honorable Jackson V. Gregory after graduating from law school. Born in Beaufort, S.C., O'Kelley holds a bachelor's degree in history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a law degree from the University of South Carolina. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the South Carolina Bar and the Charleston County Bar Association. O'Kelley is admitted to practice in the United States District Court, District of South Carolina and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. A member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, O'Kelley lives in Charleston with his wife, Mary Perrin Johnson O'Kelley, and their two daughters.