



Brian W. Byrd

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Brian represents developers in connection with retail, office, apartment, large-scale residential and mixed-use projects.

He enjoys addressing the unique set of challenges that each project presents, such as entitlements, restrictive covenants, easements, title defects, environmental contamination, leasing and financing. Brian has represented developers in connection with development of new residential, commercial and mixed-use condominium regimes as well as condominium conversions of existing office, retail and apartment buildings. He serves a broad range of clients including individuals and regional and national developers.

Brian partners with other groups within the firm to advise companies and nonprofit organizations in various industries, including textile, furniture and higher education, regarding real estate matters affecting their operations. He assists operating companies with matters such as leasing, property acquisition, compliance with governmental requirements and real estate secured lending.

He also represents private lenders, banks and life insurance companies in connection with mortgage loans secured by income-producing and owner-occupied properties. He advises lenders on collateral remediation matters such as title defects, defective planned community and condominium documents and foreclosure defects.

Services

- Real Estate
- Real Estate & Housing Finance

Before Fox Rothschild

Brian was a partner at Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP, which combined with Fox Rothschild in 2018.

Bar Admissions

- North Carolina

Education

- University of Virginia School of Law (J.D., 1997)
 - Order of the Coif

- Editorial Board, Virginia Law Review
- University of Virginia (B.A., *with distinction*, 1994)
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Memberships

- American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL)
- Leadership Greensboro Class of 2010
- North Carolina Bar Association
 - Real Property Section, Vice Chair 2019-2020, Chair 2020-2021

Board of Directors

- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro, Board of Directors, 2025-present
- Greensboro Pregnancy Care Center, Board of Directors, 2006-2009
- Northwest Men's Lacrosse Boosters, Board of Directors, 2015-2017
- Triad Real Estate and Building Industry Coalition, Board of Directors, 2007-2010, 2014-2016

Honors & Awards

- *Business North Carolina's* Legal Elite Hall of Fame, Real Estate (2016, 2022-2025)
- Named to the "Lawyer of the Year" list for Land Use & Zoning Law (2013, 2016, 2022, 2024) and Real Estate Law (2026) in North Carolina by *Best Lawyers*
- *Chambers USA*, North Carolina Leaders, Real Estate (2009-2015)
- *North Carolina Super Lawyers*, Real Estate (2012-2020), Rising Stars Edition (2009-2011)
- *Super Lawyers Business Edition*, Real Estate (2013-2015)
- Selected to the "Best Lawyers in America" list for Real Estate Law (2007-2026) and Land Use & Zoning Law (2012-2026) in Greensboro, NC by *Best Lawyers*
- Martindale-Hubbell's top (AV) Peer Review Rating

Community Activity

- Greensboro Board of Adjustment, 2000-2003
- Greensboro Zoning Commission, April 2003-September 2005

News

August 21, 2025

More Than 250 Fox Attorneys Selected to the 2026 List of Best Lawyers in America

January 1, 2025

Legal Elite 2025

January 1, 2024

Legal Elite 2024

August 17, 2023

More Than 300 Fox Attorneys Selected to the 2024 List of Best Lawyers in America

January 1, 2023

Legal Elite 2023

January 1, 2022

Legal Elite 2022

August 20, 2021

More Than 200 Fox Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers

December 29, 2020

Legal Elite 2021

August 20, 2020

More Than 200 Fox Attorneys Selected to the List of "Best Lawyers in America"

January 2, 2020

Legal Elite 2020

August 15, 2019

176 Fox Attorneys Selected to the 2020 List of Best Lawyers in America