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PRACTICE AREAS

Business Transactions
Commercial Finance
Commercial Real Estate
Corporate
Economic Development
Real Estate

INDUSTRIES

Banking & Finance
Hospitality & Retail
Real Estate

LICENSED IN

Georgia

EDUCATION

University of Georgia School of Law: J.D.
University of Georgia: B.B.A., Finance

AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association
Glynn County Bar Association
State Bar of Georgia: Real Property Law

EXPERIENCE

J.T. Johnson is a partner in the Firm's real estate practice group. A native of St. Simons Island and a graduate of Glynn Academy, J.T. attended the University of Georgia, where he earned a B.B.A. in Finance.

He remained in Athens for law school, earning his J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law. After briefly considering practicing in a larger city, J.T. was drawn home to St. Simons, where he has practiced law for close to two decades. His practice focuses on all areas of real estate law, including assisting developers in the acquisition and financing of property for residential and mixed-use developments, the closing of residential and commercial purchase transactions, representing lenders in secured transactions, serving as local counsel for out-of-state lenders, representing title insurance companies, and drafting and negotiation of contracts and leases. J.T. is one of the leading attorneys in southeast Georgia for high-value residential transactions, and he has written close to one billion dollars in title insurance coverage.

J.T.'s clients include residential community developers, commercial shopping center owners and landlords, developers of multifamily and mixed-use developments, builders, national and regional banks, high-net-worth individuals, family businesses, industrial and residential landlords, and industrial tenants. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Glynn County Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia's Real Property Law Section, the Georgia Real Estate Closing Attorneys Association, and the American Land Title Association.

J.T., his wife Stella, and their four children are members of Community Church, where they have each served in various roles. They are actively involved with the St. Simons Land Trust and the Golden Isles Fellowship of Christian Athletes. J.T. is a 2007 graduate of Leadership Glynn and a member of the Gridiron Secret Society, the Order of the Greek Horsemen, and the Escorts' Club. He is the secretary-treasurer of the Judicial Invitational Golf Classic and a member of the Davis Love Foundation Club. He previously served on the boards of the Golden Isles Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Glynn County Smile for a Lifetime Foundation, and Skylark. J.T. enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, coaching baseball and basketball, hunting, and watching his children's numerous extracurricular activities.

REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- Represented national multifamily developer in numerous multimillion-dollar development transactions involving domestic and international financing, with properties located in multiple states.

Section

Georgia Real Estate Closing Attorneys
Association

American Land Title Association

COMMUNITY WORK

Judicial Invitational Golf Classic: Secretary-
Treasurer

Davis Love Foundation Club

Golden Isles Fellowship of Christian
Athletes: Past Board Member

Glynn County Smile for a Lifetime
Foundation: Past Board Member

Skylark: Past Board Member

St. Simons Land Trust

Leadership Glynn: Class of 2007

Gridiron Secret Society

Order of the Greek Horsemen

Escorts' Club

RECOGNITION

Georgia Super Lawyers Rising Star

- Represented purchasers and lenders in numerous residential home purchases and loan transactions.
- Represented seller in the sale and seller financing of a multimillion-dollar golf course, club, and related club facilities.
- Represented nonprofit purchaser in multi-phased acquisition of 257 acres of undeveloped property on St. Simons Island for conservation.
- Represented multi-state shopping center owner in the acquisition and sale of multiple grocery-anchored shopping centers.
- Represented seller in the multimillion-dollar sale of approximately 1,000 acres on St. Simons Island.
- Represented lender in the financing of a multimillion-dollar loan secured by multiple parcels of industrial property in Brunswick.
- Represented lender in the financing of a multimillion-dollar warehouse property in Savannah.
- Represented nonprofit purchaser in acquisition of seventy-seven acres of undeveloped land on St. Simons Island for conservation.
- Represented purchaser of a commercial services business and warehouse in Brunswick.
- Represented purchaser in acquisition of a southeast Georgia nursing home.
- Represented purchaser in the acquisition and financing of a multimillion-dollar industrial property in middle Georgia.