

PRACTICE AREAS

- Real Estate

EDUCATION

- B.A., Williams College, 1976, cum laude
- J.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1984

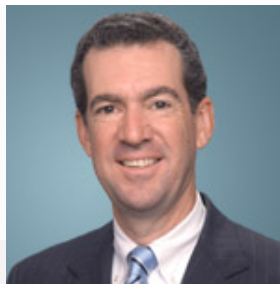
BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- North Carolina, 1984

OTHER AREAS OF LAW

- Land Use Law

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Chris Oates brings considerable experience to his clients and concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial real estate and land use law. He is a co-leader of the firm's commercial real estate group.

- He is routinely involved in the acquisition, development, financing, and leasing of urban and suburban office complexes, mixed-use developments, hotels, and retail shopping center facilities.
- He has represented municipal interests and private developers in public/private joint ventures, economic incentive agreements, and other collaborations.
- He has also been involved with the negotiation of lease agreements, restrictive covenants, and operating and reciprocal easement agreements for developer, lender, and tenant clients.
- He has assisted developers with zoning issues and obtaining variances before municipal boards.
- He has written and lectured on commercial real estate leasing issues, especially the negotiation of retail leases.

OF NOTE

- General Counsel to Charlotte Collegiate Football, Inc. (ACC Championship) and Charlotte Collegiate Football Bowl, Inc. (Belk Bowl)
- Past Chairman, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission
- Included in *Best Lawyers in America* for Real Estate Law and Land Use & Zoning Law, 2006 - 2012.

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- Included in *Business North Carolina's* Legal Elite list, 2006 - 2011.
- Included in Chambers Partners USA in North Carolina - Real Estate, 2003 - 2012.
- Selected for inclusion to the *North Carolina Super Lawyers* list in 2006 - 2012. His primary area of practice is Real Estate.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association: Real Property Section
- North Carolina Bar Association: Real Property Section