

#### Practice Areas

- Corporate, Securities & Finance
- Commercial Litigation

#### Education

- Mercer University School of Law, Juris Doctor, cum laude, 2010; Chair, Moot Court, Mock Trial and Advocacy Counsel 2009-10; Advanced Legal Writing Certificate; Academic Scholarship Recipient; Order of the Barristers; James C. Estes Excellency in Oral Advocacy Recipient
- Berry College, Bachelors of Science in Biology, Minor in Chemistry, cum laude, 2005

#### Honors

- James C. Estes award for excellence in oral advocacy and leadership skills
- National Order of the Barristers
- President, Mercer Advocacy Council

#### Bar Admissions

- Georgia

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Joan McCallum is a senior counsel in the Firm's Atlanta office in the Corporate, Securities and Finance Practice group. Ms. McCallum's practice focuses on general corporate counseling and compliance, corporate governance, securities offerings, complex business transactions including strategic acquisitions, divestitures and mergers, and representing borrowers and lenders in commercial loan transactions. Ms. McCallum has represented clients in various industries including the moving and storage, chemical and carpet manufacturing, international gaming, chiropractic and waste and recycling industries.

Ms. McCallum also works with the firm's Commercial Litigation practice group where she applies her extensive labor, employment and commercial litigation experience in providing assistance to publicly and privately held companies, officers and directors in federal and state courts and various arbitration forums throughout the country. Ms. McCallum has litigated numerous complex matters, including individual, class and collective actions.

#### **Representative Commercial Transactions**

- Associate counsel in quarter-billion-dollar asset sale of three chemical manufacturing and distributing companies in the carpet industry
- Associate counsel in multiple multi-million dollar commercial loans
- Associate counsel in purchase and leasing of luxury airplane
- Associate counsel in stock sale of environmental company
- Associate counsel in equity purchase of landfill company
- Associate counsel in asset sale of moving and storage company

#### **Representative Litigation**

- Obtained dismissal of disability discrimination action in federal district court against gasoline and convenience store company.

#### Court Admissions

- Georgia Court of Appeals
- Northern District of Georgia
- Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals

### **Joan M. McCallum, *Continued***

- Obtained summary judgment for insurance company in California Superior Court against claims of former insurance agent asserting she was misclassified as an independent contractor, and asserting numerous additional claims of religious discrimination, unpaid wages, and violation of California labor and wage laws.
- Successfully represented an oil company in several actions brought by former Measurement While Drilling engineers asserting misclassification under the Fair Labor Standards Act.
- Successfully defended wealth management client in an extensive ERISA investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Administration.
- Successfully represented numerous companies in investigations by various federal and state agencies, including the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, U.S. Department of Labor (including the WHD, OFCCP, OSHA, and EBSA), Georgia Department of Labor, Hawaii Department of Human Resources and Development, Florida Commission on Human Relations, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

#### Professional Affiliations

- Georgia Bar Association
  - Fayette County Bar Association
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