

# Chambliss Welcomes Jarrod Casteel and Melani LaMar

Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel, P.C. welcomes two new attorneys, [Jarrod Casteel](#) and [Melani LaMar](#), who will serve the firm's real estate section.

"We are thrilled to welcome Jarrod and Melani to the firm," said President and Managing Shareholder [Mark Cunningham](#). "Their extensive experience in their respective sectors of the real estate industry will enhance the continued success and growth of the Chambliss real estate group."

With a proven background advising real estate clients nationwide, Jarrod brings a results-focused mindset to enhance the firm's real estate practice further. He specializes in a broad spectrum of matters, such as commercial leasing, acquisition, financing, development, and property management. His proficiency extends to collaborating with a diverse clientele, including contractors, architects, property managers, investors, developers, entrepreneurs, and growth-focused individuals and businesses.

Jarrod has successfully led numerous development deals, ranging from small purchases to complex multimillion-dollar transactions throughout his career. He graduated from Lee University, the Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, and the University of Tennessee College of Law. In addition, he is the chairman of the Cleveland Land Bank Authority board of directors. Jarrod is licensed to practice in Tennessee.

Melani has an extensive background in commercial real estate and a proven track record of managing the life cycle of real estate development projects, including negotiating with lenders, facilitating complex multimillion-dollar loan closings, negotiating deed-in-lieu and foreclosure documents, and drafting easements. She guides clients through the complexities of commercial real estate, offering comprehensive legal counsel on development projects, resolutions, LLC agreements, property acquisitions, lease agreements, and contracts. In addition, Melani has already shown she is a dedicated advocate for her clients. She graduated from the University of Alabama and Samford University Cumberland School of Law. Melani is licensed in Tennessee and Alabama.

"Jarrod and Melani both hold an impressive track record based on their prior real estate-related work and have already proved in their short time here to be capable of navigating complex real estate deals," said Real Estate Chair [Kirby Yost](#). "Their experience encompasses not only a profound knowledge of the market but also a keen insight into the legal, financial, and strategic aspects of real estate transactions. I am happy to have them on our team and anticipate the innovation they will incorporate in our real estate practice."

Read the Chattanooga article, ["Chambliss Law Hires Jarrod Casteel And Melani LaMar."](#)