

Municipal and Government



Chambliss attorneys regularly provide counsel to local government entities and represent them before state and federal administrative agencies and in state and federal trial and appellate courts. With present and former city attorneys, former elected judges, and judicial law clerks, we are well-versed in the issues municipalities and other government entities face.

Municipal and government law is an area where our attorneys have been continually recognized for their high levels of client service and excellent results. Serving as special counsel to city attorneys, Administrative Hearing Officer for municipalities, and outside counsel to governmental bodies, we understand the legal, regulatory, and operating challenges governmental entities face on a daily basis. We are highly responsive and intuitive, anticipating their needs and addressing them with forward-thinking solutions.

With our wide range of municipal and governmental experience – both personally and through years of counseling our clients – we have counseled local government entities on finance, operational, and legal strategies. We regularly advise on a variety of challenges involving unique legal principles that apply to governmental entities. These matters include Constitutional law, governmental tort liability, legislative enactments, land use planning and zoning, governmental bidding and procurement, eminent domain, government employee relations, open meeting and public records issues, and law enforcement. We are known for our practical approach and way of simplifying the complex so our clients can focus on better serving their communities.

A Snapshot of Our Depth

- Regulatory and litigation matters
- Constitutional law

Related Services

- Construction and Design
- Labor and Employment
- Litigation and Risk Management

Related People

- Cathy S. Dorvil
- Harold L. “Hal” North, Jr.
- James F. “Jim” Exum, III
- Kurt J. Faires
- Justin L. Furrow
- Frederick L. “Rick” Hitchcock
- Jeffrey W. Maddux
- William H. Pickering
- Kathleen M. Siciliano
- Stephen D. “Steve” Barham
- Hannah-Claire Boggess
- Kenshandra T. Mitchell
- Lisa M. Kiner
- Jennifer M. Ball
- J. Mitchell “Mitch” Barton
- Christopher D. “Chris” Poole
- Angela R. Dawson
- Alexander B. Blankers
- Lodie V. Biggs

- Governmental tort liability
- Municipal law
- Municipal utility issues
- Legislative enactments
- Franchises
- Eminent domain
- Government employee relations
- Open meeting and public record issues
- Law enforcement

Experience

Served as counsel for charter study commission, responsible for drafting charter for new form of government

Defended local school boards in constitutional challenges

Successfully defended Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama municipalities in complex environmental litigation

Successfully defended municipality against class action litigation challenging scope of easements

Assisted in development of public records act policies

Successfully litigated claims of violation of public records act

Successfully defended claims of violation of open meetings act

Represented and helped resolve employee compensation claims

Successfully defended employment discrimination claims

Successfully defended recall action against Mayor of Chattanooga

Successfully defended claims under governmental tort liability act

Successfully defended election contest on behalf of Chattanooga City Councilman

Represented local government interveners in water utility ratemaking proceedings

Represented emergency communication districts in in successful federal court litigation regarding funding issues

Assisted local government in development of negotiation and litigation strategy in complex, contractual matters

Represented local governments, utilities, businesses, and individuals in a variety of complex litigation

Represented governmental entity during litigation of a false claims act claim

Serve as special counsel for the City of Chattanooga

Provide counsel to the City of East Ridge and represent the city in a variety of complex litigation

Serve as town attorney for Lookout Mountain, Georgia

Served as town attorney for the Town of Walden, Tennessee

Represent police officers in Section 1983 civil rights litigation

Represent police union consisting of different agencies on issues ranging from officer involved shootings to department discipline
