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Practice Areas

Banking & Financial Services
Business & Commercial Transactions
Corporate & Securities
Economic Development
Government Relations & Legislative Advocacy

Bar Admissions

Not admitted to practice in Alabama
Georgia, 2003
Virginia, 1967

Education

Georgia State University, M.B.A., 1976
The Stonier Graduate School of Banking, 1971
University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1965
Washington and Lee University, B.A., 1959



Gary Pannell is a member of the firm's Banking & Financial Services Practice Group. He practices in the areas of federal bank regulation and corporate law and has represented a variety of clients in the insurance, banking, and financial services industries, including bank holding companies, commercial banks, mortgage companies, thrifts, independent committees of the board of directors of public companies, executive officers of financial institutions, as well as the financial institutions themselves. His clients also include publicly traded companies.

Mr. Pannell's prior experience includes negotiation of enforcement agreements, compliance with state and federal banking statutes and regulations, enforcement actions against banks and thrifts, preparing and conducting corporate training for boards of directors, and diligence and investigatory efforts on behalf of independent committees of boards of directors.

From 1983–2000, Mr. Pannell served as District Counsel for the Southeastern District of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. From 1973–1983, he served as Regional Counsel for the Sixth National Bank's Regional Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Noteworthy

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 (Copyright 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, SC) in the areas of Banking and Finance Law and Financial Services Regulation Law (listed annually since 2010)
- **AV® Peer Review Rating in Martindale-Hubell**

Representative Matters

- Represented independent committees of the boards of directors of publicly traded companies
- Represented executive officers of financial institutions before regulatory agencies
- Represented financial institutions before regulatory agencies on enforcement and licensing matters

Presentations

- "The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act - What Bankruptcy Lawyers Should Know"
Atlanta, Georgia, May 19, 2011
- "The Regulatory Enforcement Process"
January 12, 2010
- "D&O Liability"
Banking and Finance Law, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia, February 11, 2009
- North Carolina Banking Institute
March 2008

Publications

- "Regulatory Guidance on Concentrations in Commercial Real Estate Lending"
North Carolina Banking Institute, March 2007

Memberships

- American Bar Association
 - American Bar Foundation (Fellow)
 - Federal Bar Association
 - Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta (Director, 2008 to date)
 - Georgia Bankers Association (Member, Bank Counsel Section, 2001 to date)
 - Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (Regional Counsel, Sixth National Bank Region, 1973–1983; District Counsel, Southeastern District, 1983–2000)
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- North Carolina Banking Institute (Board of Advisors, 2002 to date)
 - State Bar of Georgia
 - Virginia State Bar
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