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Practice Areas

Banking & Financial Services

Corporate & Securities

Corporate Governance

Insurance Business,
Regulatory & Government
Relations Practice

Investment Management
Legal Services

Bar Admissions

Alabama, 1977

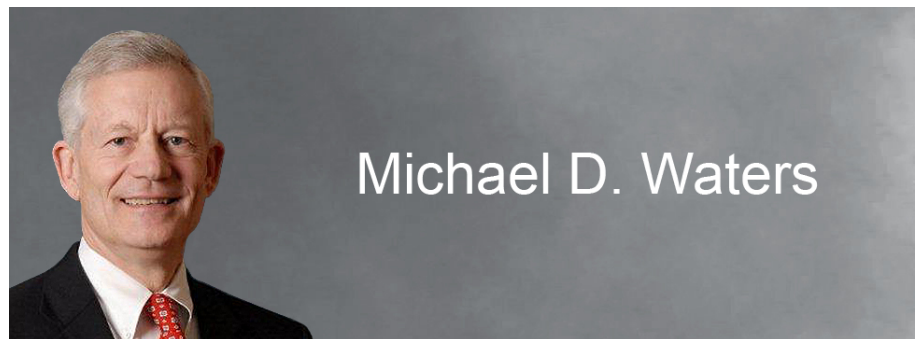
District of Columbia, 1980

Education

The University of Alabama
School of Law, J.D., 1977;
Omicron Delta Kappa;
Editor, *The Journal of the
Legal Profession*

Oxford University, England,
M.A. in Philosophy, Politics
and Economics, 1975;
Rhodes Scholar

Duke University, B.A., 1972,
cum laude



Michael Waters is a partner in the firm's Banking & Financial Services Practice Group, and has practiced corporate and securities law, primarily in the financial institutions area, for more than 30 years. He also serves as a member of the firm's board of directors. Mr. Waters routinely represents banks, bank holding companies, and other financial entities in acquisitions, capital raising transactions, shareholder issues, new bank formations, and board fiduciary duty issues. He has advised both buyers and sellers in approximately 80 bank mergers and acquisitions, ranging from small community banks to the acquisition of a \$34-billion holding company. He also advises banks regarding regulatory issues, examination, compliance, and enforcement proceedings.

Since 1994, Mr. Waters has served as an adjunct professor of law at The University of Alabama School of Law, where he teaches courses in banking law and corporate mergers and acquisitions. He is a frequent speaker at seminars and is a regular contributor to the Community Bankers Association of Alabama's *Banking Traditions* magazine. Mr. Waters has written numerous law review articles on banking and securities, and is the author of *Proxy Regulation*, published in 1992 by the Practising Law Institute.

Noteworthy

- Listed in the 2012 edition of *Alabama Super Lawyers* in the areas of Banking and Securities & Corporate Finance (listed annually since 2008)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 (Copyright 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, SC) in the area of Banking and Finance Law (listed annually since 1995)
- Named one of Birmingham's "Top Attorneys" 2012 in the area of Banking Law by *Birmingham Magazine*
- AV® Peer Review Rating in Martindale-Hubbell

Presentations

- Jones Walker Bank Merger Seminar
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 12, 2011
- "Raising Capital in a Challenging Environment"
February 9, 2010

Publications

- "Dodd-Frank and Basel III: How Do They Impact Capital At Your Bank?"
Banking Traditions, December 1, 2010
- "Fair Lending Revisited"
Banking Traditions, September 1, 2010

Memberships

- Alabama Citizens Constitutional Commission, Governor Bob Riley
(Member, 2003)
- Alabama Law Institute (Member, 1989 to date; Chairman, Task Force on the Revised Alabama Uniform Securities Act, 2004–2005)
- Alabama State Bar (Chairman, Task Force on Admissions, 2003–2006; Member, Task Force on Bar Examinations, 1997)
- Alabama State Board of Bar Examiners (Chairman, 1991–1994; Member, 1987–1994)
- Birmingham Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar
- Farrah Law Society (Board of Trustees, 1992 to date)
- Montgomery County Bar Association