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Education: Georgia State University, J.D., 2004; University of Georgia, Bachelor of Science in Psychology, *Cum Laude*, 2001  
Admitted: Georgia, 2004  
Memberships: State Bar of Georgia (Member, Litigation and Real Estate Law Sections)  
Practice Areas: Real estate and land title insurance litigation; construction litigation and arbitration; commercial litigation  
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Partner Chris Porterfield has concentrated on sophisticated civil litigation in Georgia since being admitted to the bar. He primarily handles real estate litigation, commercial litigation, and property tax matters, and also advises individuals and companies on a variety of non-litigation legal issues. Chris has substantial experience in post-judgment collection, using innovative and aggressive methods to recover money owed to the firm's clients.

Chris leads the firm's tax litigation practice. He is a well-respected practitioner regarding Georgia's property tax laws, and has represented numerous clients engaged in the large-scale purchase of property tax liens and tax foreclosure deeds, handling dozens of quiet title actions in the superior courts across the state. Additionally, Chris has extensive experience in the appellate courts, and has authored many successful appellate briefs over the years. He is frequently appointed by the superior courts to serve as Special Master in real estate and tax-related litigation matters.

Chris has handled hundreds of property tax valuation appeals in counties all over Georgia and in many contested superior court actions, often recovering attorneys' fees for his clients from the government. He has also led several jury trials in tax appeal cases, all to favorable verdicts.

Chris particularly enjoys litigating on behalf of taxpayers against local governments, and has handled several taxpayer class action lawsuits through the appellate courts, many on a pro bono basis. He is frequently asked to speak to groups of attorneys and others in the real estate business on tax-related topics affecting the industry.

Prior to joining the firm, Chris was a partner with an AV-rated real estate litigation firm in Atlanta, where he began his litigation career after law school. Most recently, Chris was of counsel to a prominent regional commercial litigation boutique in Atlanta.

Chris Porterfield is admitted to practice in all state and federal courts in Georgia. When not practicing law, he practices being a good father and a mediocre golfer.