



**JAMES L. PANNELL**

James L. Pannell is a partner who works primarily in the areas of public finance and municipal bonds. Mr. Pannell has a broad background in various areas of the law, including litigation, corporations, business, admiralty and real estate. Mr. Pannell is listed in The Best Lawyers in America and has an AV Martindale Hubbell Peer Review Rating. He maintains active memberships in the National Association of Bond Lawyers, Maritime Law Association, American Judicature Society, American Bar Association, American Association for Justice, Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, State Bar of Georgia, Savannah Bar Association, Lawyers Club of Atlanta, and the Old Warhorse Lawyers Club (Atlanta).

Mr. Pannell received a B.B.A. degree in economics from the University of Georgia in 1970. He was commissioned as a lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve (Corps of Engineers) in 1970 and served in the active reserves until 1978. In 1971, Mr. Pannell was legislative assistant to United States Senator Richard B. Russell and after Senator Russell's death continued in the same position with U.S. Senator David H. Gambrell. In 1974, he received his J.D. degree from the University of Georgia Law School.

A member of the Georgia House of Representatives from 1985-1990, Mr. Pannell served on the Ways and Means, Judiciary, Natural Resources, and Health and Ecology Committees. During his service in the General Assembly, Mr. Pannell was particularly noted for his work on healthcare, historic preservation, tax, and environmental legislation. He also sponsored several important measures of local concern, including the Chatham Area Transit Authority Act, which reorganized public transportation in the Savannah area in 1986, the Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority (1988), and the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless (1989).

Mr. Pannell has been recognized as one of Georgia's "Legal Elite" by Georgia Trend magazine and has been recognized by Georgia Trend in each year from 2002 through 2014 as a Notable Georgian. He has been selected in each year from 2004 through 2015 as one of Georgia's "Super Lawyers" by Atlanta Magazine. He is a past president of the Savannah Bar Association (2001-2002) and is a past president of the Younger Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Georgia (1979-1980). He has been involved in a number of other bar-related activities, including service on the State Bar Board of Governors (1978-1980, 1981-1985), Judicial Nominating Commission of Georgia (1979-1980), State Disciplinary Board (1978-1980), Organization of the State Bar Committee (1981-1987, 1996-2008), the Legislative Advisory Committee (1988-2009), and the Evidence Study Committee (1988-1992). He is a graduate of Leadership Savannah (1976) and Leadership Georgia (1978).

**PRACTICE AREAS:**

- Public Finance
- Civil Litigation
- Business Law

**EDUCATION:**

- J.D., University of Georgia, 1974
- B.B.A., University of Georgia, 1970

**ADMITTED TO BAR:**

- Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
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**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

- Past President Savannah Bar Association
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