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About Jim



James L. Pannell is a partner who works primarily in the areas of public finance and municipal bonds. He has a broad background in various areas of the law, including litigation, corporations, business, admiralty and real estate. He maintains active memberships in the National Association of Bond Lawyers, Maritime Law Association, the American Bar Association, the 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 is a past president of the Savannah Bar Association and is a past president of the Younger Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Georgia. He has been involved in a number of other bar-related activities, including service on the State Bar Board of Governors, Judicial Nominating Commission of Georgia, and the State Disciplinary Board. He is a recipient of the Judge Frank S. Cheatham Professionalism Award from the Savannah Bar Association (2012) and the Traditions of Excellence Award from the General Practice and Trial Section of the State Bar of Georgia (2018).

Admissions

Georgia
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
U.S. Supreme Court

Education

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

Professional Activities

Past President, Savannah Bar Association
Maritime Law Association
Georgia Trial Lawyers Association
National Association of Bond Lawyers

Practice Areas

Public Finance Civil Litigation
Business Law