

# Michael B Kent Jr



**Michael B. Kent, Jr.  
Of Counsel**

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## Court Admissions

- All North Carolina state courts
- All Georgia state courts
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia

## Education

- University of Georgia, Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*
- University of Alabama, Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*

## **Bar Activities**

- Council Member, North Carolina Bar Association Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Law Section, 2014-2017
  - o Co-Chair, Local Government Committee, 2014-2016

## **Honors & Recognition**

- Campbell University School of Law “1L Professor of the Year,” 2015 & 2018
- Campbell University School of Law Excellence in Research Award, 2016
- Order of the Coif
- Phi Beta Kappa

## **Prior Employment**

- Campbell University, Professor of Law, 2013-present
- John Marshall Law School, Associate Professor of Law, 2006-2013
- Stetson University, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, 2009-2010
- Tisinger, Tisinger, Vance & Greer, PC, Attorney, 2002-2006
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, Law Clerk to Hon. Emmett Ripley Cox, 2001-2002
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Law Clerk to Hon. J. Owen Forrester, 1999-2001

## **Representative Matters**

- Assisted developer in obtaining rezoning of 125-acre mixed-use project
- Represented property owner in quasi-judicial proceeding to obtain special use permit
- Assisted property owner in successfully defending municipal investigation into alleged zoning violation
- Served as consultant to property owner in litigation challenging constitutionality of county zoning amendment
- Assisted landowner / developer in structuring and documenting sale of project to new buyer
- Represented commercial landlord in successfully litigating breach of retail lease by tenant
- Assisted landowner in conducting zoning due diligence and drafting agreements related to short-term vacation rental
- Advised landlords and tenants in connection with numerous retail and office leases

## **Publications**

- Webster’s Real Estate Law in North Carolina, 2014-present
- Numerous law review articles addressing property law, land use regulation, and constitutional law

## **Community Involvement**

- Trustee, KidsPeace Foundation, 2024-present
- Member, North Carolina General Statutes Commission, 2021-2023
- Member, Town of Cary Zoning Board of Adjustment, 2016-2020
  - Vice Chair, 2019-2020

## **Practice Areas**

- **Land Use & Zoning**
- **Commercial Real Estate**
- **State and Local Governments**

Mike's practice focuses on land use and zoning, commercial real estate, state and local government law, and related litigation.

Mike assists developers and landowners with a range of real property and development issues. He has advised clients in connection with legislative, quasi-judicial, and administrative approvals, including rezonings, special use permits, variance requests, and site plan evaluations. Additionally, he has assisted clients with entitlement review, zoning enforcement, and land use litigation.

Mike has broad experience with a variety of other real estate matters, as well, including land acquisition, title issues, easements, and restrictive covenants. A significant part of his practice consists of reviewing, drafting, negotiating, and enforcing commercial leases. In this regard, he has represented both landlords and tenants in matters involving office, retail, vacation, and other properties.

Drawing on his experience as a former local government attorney, Mike also advises clients on a range of issues arising from their interactions with state and local governments. His experience includes assisting both public and private entities with state and local contracting, public utility regulation, and navigating constitutional provisions relating to governmental authority and private rights.

In addition to his role with Envisage, Mike serves as a professor at Campbell University School of Law, where he teaches courses in real property, land use, local government, and constitutional law. He has served as a member of the North Carolina General Statutes Commission, a member and vice-chair of the Town of Cary Zoning Board of Adjustment, and a council member for the North Carolina Bar Association's Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Section. Since 2014, he has served as author/editor of *Webster's Real Estate Law in North Carolina*, a leading treatise on North Carolina property law issues.

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We stand shoulder to shoulder with our clients, helping them to anticipate, avoid and overcome challenges and obstacles to their successes.

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