



W. Andrew Gowder, Jr.

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A native of Charleston, Andy is an experienced litigator and counselor who focuses his practice on land use, environmental and real property law, local government, and corporate formation and governance (for both profit and nonprofit organizations) and intellectual property. Andy began his work with the firm as a summer law clerk in 1984 and became a shareholder in 1991. He is AV rated, the highest rating offered by Martindale-Hubbell (R). He holds leadership positions in the American Bar Association, State and Local Government Law Section (Chair of the Section 2013-2014); the South Carolina Bar, where he has served as a member of the House of Delegates for almost two decades; the Urban Land Institute, as Chair of the Sustainable Development Council and past Chair and Governance Chair of ULI South Carolina. Andy writes and speaks to groups frequently: most recently, he co-edited Tax Increment Financing and authored a chapter in Greening Local Government (2012 ABA Publishing). Active in the community, he is currently serving on the boards of Enough Pie and Charleston Moves, is an Elder at First (Scots) Presbyterian Church and is general counsel to many local and regional nonprofits, as part of his practice. He, his wife, Melinda, and son, Grey, live in l'On in Mount Pleasant.

EDUCATION

- Wake Forest University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1986; Order of Barristers, National Moot Court Team, National Trial Team, Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Team, Wake Forest Law Review
- Wofford College, B.A. English, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, 1983

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- South Carolina
- United States District Court for the District of South Carolina
- United States District Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit



AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Land Use, Planning and Zoning
- State and Local Government
- Real Estate and Natural Resources
- Corporate Entity Formation and Governance (For-Profit and Non-Profit)
- Contracts
- Intellectual Property
- Arts and Entertainment Law
- Civil Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association Section of State and Local Government Law;
 - Chair Elect (current)
 - Co-Chair, Exactions and Impact Fees Subcommittee of the Land Use Committee
 - Previously, Vice Chair. Secretary, Member of Council, Committee Coordinator/ Special Advisor to the Chair; Editor, *State and Local Law News*; Co-Chair, Land Use Committee; Vice Chair for Programs, Land Use Committee.
- Urban Land Institute:
 - Full Member
 - Member, Sustainable Development Council
 - Assistant Chair (current)
 - Previously, Vice Chair
- Urban Land Institute, South Carolina District Council
 - Governance Chair (current)
 - Previously, District Council Chair; Coast Region Chair, Graduate of Inaugural Class, Sustainable Leadership Institute
- South Carolina Bar: Member, House of Delegates
- Certified Civil Mediator, South Carolina Supreme Court
- Charleston County Bar Association
- Congress for New Urbanism, Carolinas Chapter; Member, General Counsel



PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Tax Increment Financing*, (David L. Callies and W. Andrew Gowder Jr., eds., ABA Press 2012) (co-editor and chapter author)
- *Greening Local Government*, (Patricia Salkin and Keith Hirokawa, eds., ABA Press 2012) (chapter author)
- *At the Cutting Edge 2009: Land Use Law from The Urban Lawyer*, (Dwight H. Merriam, editor; ABA Press 2010) (chapter author)
- *At the Cutting Edge 2008: Land Use Law from the Urban Lawyer*, (Dwight H. Merriam, editor; ABA Press 2009) (chapter author)
- *A Legal Guide to Urban and Sustainable Development for Planners, Developers and Architects* coauthor with Daniel K. Sloane and Doris S. Goldstein, John Wiley & Sons 2008

Articles and Book Reviews

- “When Do the *Nollan* and *Dolan* Rules Apply to the Regulation of Development and Land Use?” *Planning and Environmental Law*, American Planning Association, June 2013
- “Recent Developments in Exactions and Impact Fees: Public Dedications Required of Private Land” published in *The Urban Lawyer*, Summer, 2012
- “Recent Developments in Exactions and Impact Fees,” with Bryan W. Wenter, published in *The Urban Lawyer*, Summer 2009
- “A Blueprint for Rebuilding Our Cities,” a book review of *Redevelopment Planning, Law, and Project Implementation: A Guide for Practitioners*, Brian W. Blaesser & Thomas P. Cody, Editors, published in *State and Local Law News*, Winter 2009
Vol. 32, No. 2
- “Recent Developments, Exactions and Impact Fees,” with Bryan W. Wenter, published in *The Urban Lawyer*, Summer 2008
- “Exactions and Impact Fees 2007: The Limits of Local Authority,” with Bryan W. Wenter *The Urban Lawyer*, Summer 2007



- “Exactions Update: The State of Development Exactions After *Lingle v Chevron USA, Inc.*,” with Daniel J. Curtin, Jr. and Bryan W. Wenter, *The Urban Lawyer*, Summer 2006
- “Exactions Update: When *Nollan/Dolan* Heightened Scrutiny Does Not Apply,” with Daniel J. Curtin, Jr., and Bryan W. Wenter, *The Urban Lawyer* Summer 2005
- “Recent Developments in Land Use, Planning and Zoning Law Relating to Exactions,” with Daniel J. Curtin, Jr., *The Urban Lawyer*, Summer 2004
- “Exactions Update: When and How did *Nollan/Dolan* Rules Apply,” with Daniel J. Curtin, Jr., *The Urban Lawyer* Fall 2003

RECENT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panel Member, “Supreme Court Takings: A First Look at *Koontz* and *Horne*,” American Bar Association, Webinar, July 12, 2013
- Panel Member, “2013 Planning Law Review,” American Planning Association, Webinar, June 26, 2013
- Moderator, Panel Discussion: “Government Outsourcing/ Public-Private Partnerships,” American Bar Association State and Local Government Spring Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, May 3, 2013
- Presenter, “Hot Topics in Land Use Law,” American Bar Association State and Local Government Spring Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, May 3, 2013
- Moderator and Interviewer, “A Conversation with Producer and Director Peter Byck, Carbon Nation,” ULI Center for Sustainable Leadership, Columbia, South Carolina, March 21, 2013
- Presenter, “Land Use Law: Current Issues in Subdivision, Annexation and Zoning,” National Business Institute, Charleston, South Carolina, January 14, 2013
- Panel Member, “Greening Local Government,” American Bar Association, Webinar, December 19, 2012
- Presenter, “Tax Increment Financing,” American Bar Association State and Local Government Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, August 4, 2012



- Moderator, "Creating Value with Green Space," ULI South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina, April 13, 2011

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Enough Pie, Founding Board of Directors, General Counsel 2013-
- Charleston Moves, Board of Directors, General Counsel 2013-
- Charleston Waterkeeper, General Counsel, 2010-
- Crisis Ministries, Board of Directors, Immediate past Chair 2009-2010 ; Chair 2008-2009, Vice Chair 2007
- Low Country Local First, Founding Board of Directors, Chair 2010-2011, Vice Chair 2008-2009
- Raptor Youth Rowing Club, Founder and Chairman, 2008-2010
- The DAE Foundation, Founding Board of Directors, Chair 2007-2010
- Sustainability Institute Founding Board of Directors, Chair 1999-2007
- Carolina Youth Development Center, Board of Directors, 1993-1999, Chairman 1997-1999
- l'On Assembly, Board of Directors 2002-2006
- Parents and Children Together, General Counsel 1997- 2008
- First (Scots) Presbyterian Church
 - Board of Deacons 1997-2000, Moderator, 1998-2000
 - Elder and Member of Session, 2011-2104; Personnel Committee Chair; 2000-2003, Vice Clerk of Session; Chair, Stewardship Committee
 - ACORN Building Committee, Member and general counsel
 - Legal counsel