

J. MICHAEL LEVENGOOD



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Mike has been married for 29 years to Margaret "Peggy" Levengood with whom he has raised three sons, Tommy, Michael and Timothy, in Lilburn, Georgia.

Mike joined Hicks, Maloof & Campbell, one of the McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP predecessor law firms in 1980, and has for twenty-nine years focused on commercial and estate litigation, workouts and corporate reorganizations. He represents numerous clients before state and federal courts, mediators, arbitration tribunals and regulatory agencies in a wide variety of commercial litigation matters. He represents debtors in possession, trustees, creditors and other interested parties in corporate reorganizations and prosecutes and defends bankruptcy litigation matters including avoidance actions and injunctive relief. He also has substantial experience representing fiduciaries in the administration of decedents' estates.

Mike's representative engagements include: Centennial Healthcare Corp. reorganized debtors, federal Receiver for Ply-Marts, Inc., fiduciary defense litigation relating to Farmer's Furniture, World Access, debtor's counsel for A.E. Barnes, III, Major Leasing, Georgia Properties, Sky Valley, South Financial Corp., Orbit Industries, Appleton Midwestern Television, and Southern Pan & Shoring, trustee's counsel in North American Acceptance Corp., Sayman's, Speir Insurance Agency, Starling Enterprises and Zohouri Group Mustang Island LP, counsel for a professional in the Dan River bankruptcy case, counsel for a secured creditor in the President Casino Broadwater Resort bankruptcy case, counsel for potential purchasers in Galleria Investments and Winn-Dixie bankruptcy cases, and executory contract litigation for non-debtors in Enron, K-Mart, iPCS, Twin Eagles Golf & Country Club, Planet Hollywood and All-Star Café, and Pike Nurseries.

Mike regularly speaks on bankruptcy and litigation issues. He chairs the firm's Atlanta litigation department education committee and is a member of the firm's national litigation training committee. For several years, Mike has participated as adjunct faculty in the Emory University School of Law Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques and as in-house faculty for the firm's National Institute for Trial Advocacy learning programs. During the Spring 2010 semester Mike will teach the bankruptcy law course as adjunct faculty at the University of Georgia School of Law.

PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation

- Bankruptcy Litigation

Real Estate Finance and Development

- Workouts and Creditors Rights

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Georgia School of Law, *cum laude*, 1980
- B.A., University of Georgia, 1977

BAR ADMISSIONS

Georgia

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- American Bar Association
- Atlanta Bar Association
- Norton Bankruptcy Law & Practice 2d (Forms) Co-Managing Editor (1992-2000)
- Mountain Park Athletic Assn. President (1993-1999)
- Association of Transportation Practitioners (1981 -1990)
- State Bar of Georgia National Moot Court Competition Committee Co-Chair (1985-86)
- Leadership Gwinnett Graduate, Class of 2003

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

- President, Young Alumni Council (1985-87)
- Chair, Moot Court Executive Board (1979-80)
- Georgia Journal of International & Comparative Law (1978-80)
- Sphinx, Gridiron, Blue Key
- Sigma Phi Epsilon, President

Pro Bono

Mike participated in the JUSTGeorgia juvenile justice project and served on the Georgia Appleseed Education Advisory Committee. He also served on the 2008 Georgia Commission for School Board Excellence Advisory Committee.

Community Involvement

Mike is a community leader in Gwinnett County and received the 2009 Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce Public Service Award. Mike is serving as Co-Chair of Engage Gwinnett. He also serves on the executive committees of the Chamber's Board of Directors and of Partnership Gwinnett, is the Chamber's Vice Chair for Education and Leadership and is the Partnership Gwinnett Education & Workforce Excellence Committee Chair. Mike is the Leadership Gwinnett Steering Committee Chair elect, a charter member of the Superintendent's Council of Community Advisors and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Gwinnett County Public Schools Foundation. He served on the Parkview High School Local School Council from 2002 to 2007 as a business representative and is a past PTSA President.

Mike was named 2007 Volunteer of the Year by the Georgia Recreation and Park Association for his work as the Chair of the Gwinnett Parks Foundation a 501(c)(3) organization that he formed with fellow citizens in 2001 to support the Gwinnett County parks system (National Recreation & Park Association 2008 Gold Medalist).

Mike has chaired the successful campaigns to promote passage of the 2002 and 2007 Gwinnett Education SPLOST renewals, the 2008 Gwinnett Education Bond referendum, and the 2009 Gwinnett County SPLOST renewal, all of which are funding about \$2 billion of capital projects for Gwinnett County and Gwinnett County Public Schools (recognized in 2009 by the Broad Foundation as one of the top five large school systems in the nation).