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PRACTICE AREAS

- [Commercial Real Estate](#)
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- [State & Local Entities](#)

EDUCATION

- Wake Forest University
School of Law, J.D. 2011
- Villanova University, B.S.
2008

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Virginia, 2011
- District of Columbia, 2012
- Maryland, 2018
- U.S. District Court for the
Eastern District of Virginia,
2013
- U.S. District Court for the
District of Columbia, 2013
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for
the Eastern District of
Virginia, 2017
- U.S. District Court for the
District of Maryland, 2018

RELATED NEWS

- [Victims of May 16, 2017
Turkish Presidential Security](#)

Overview

Stephen Whelan's practice focuses on complex civil litigation, with an emphasis on matters related to commercial real estate, commercial landlord-tenant actions, contract disputes, construction, and labor and employment law. He also has substantial experience with claims related to the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act. Mr. Whelan counsels clients on best practices to avoid litigation, and provides general corporate and business representation to clients in the labor and employment, construction, and real estate sectors.

Prior to joining BBS&G, Mr. Whelan practiced at a business litigation firm in Washington, D.C., where he represented clients in litigation before the federal and local courts in the District of Columbia, as well as before a variety of District of Columbia administrative agencies, including the Department of Employment Services, Office of Administrative Hearings, and Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Mr. Whelan received his J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law, where he was the recipient of multiple merit-based scholarships. While at Wake Forest, Mr. Whelan clerked for the Honorable Judge Robert J. Conrad at the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina. He also participated in a semester-long externship in the Office of General Counsel for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

Mr. Whelan is admitted to practice in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Representative Experience

Attack File Suit Seeking Redress Of Injuries

- “DC Court: Turkey must face charges in Sheridan Circle assault on Kurdish protesters” – The Hill
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- Successfully defended a client against claims totaling \$190 million in a 10-day evidentiary arbitration hearing before JAMS in New York City. The complex action involved a claim for fees arising out of previous litigation related to a terrorist attack.
 - Successfully prosecuted a complex commercial landlord-tenant action in the Superior Court for the District of Columbia resulting in a bench verdict in favor of the landlord after a three-day trial.
 - Negotiated a favorable settlement for a government entity that was sued for breach of contract, civil conspiracy, and fraud.
 - Successfully prosecuted claims in Fairfax County Circuit Court for breach of contract, conversion, and civil conspiracy resulting in a bench verdict and an award of treble damages related to the mismanagement of a limited liability company.
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Honors

- Super Lawyers 2021 Washington D.C. Rising Star
 - Super Lawyers 2021 & 2022 Maryland Rising Star
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