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Practices

Government

Litigation

Land Use & Zoning

Tax Assessment Defense

Government Relations & Lobbying

Industries

Community Associations

Government

EDUCATION

University of Richmond, T. C.
Williams School of Law, J.D., 1990

College of William & Mary, B.A., 1987

ADMISSIONS

Virginia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth
Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of Virginia

U.S. District Court or the Western
District of Virginia

Andrew McRoberts offers specialized outside counsel for local governments and officials across Virginia.

A member of the firm's Government Group, Andrew is a long-time litigator and Virginia local government attorney. He brings in-depth knowledge and inventiveness when helping his clients navigate complex litigation and issues in local governments. Andrew has helped many local governments and local government officials, as well as select non-government entities resolve their unique legal needs, achieve their specific goals, and come out ahead.

Andrew provides complete legal guidance primarily in:

- Litigation
- Land Use and Zoning
- Tax Assessment Defense (judicial and administrative)
- Real Estate
- Special Service Districts
- Subdivision
- Utilities and Development
- Election Law
- Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC)
- Economic Development
- Virginia Circuit Courts
- Virginia Supreme Court
- Other specialized advice and litigation for local governments

Andrew is a shareholder and joined Sands Anderson in 2009 after many years serving Virginia localities as county attorney, legislative liaison and litigator. Throughout his experienced and successful career, Andrew has served his clients with enthusiasm, creativity, and professionalism. He understands the legal issues his clients face, and how those issues directly affect the clients and their communities.

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RECOGNITION

Best Lawyers in America, Litigation – Municipal, 2021

Virginia Business magazine "Legal Elite" in Real Estate and Land Use 2015-2017, 2019-2020

Local Government Attorneys of Virginia's highest honor – the Edward J. Finnegan Award for Distinguished Service, 2012

Virginia Lawyer's Weekly "Leaders in the Law" List, 2010

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, member, Past President, former member of Board of Directors

Virginia State Bar's Local Government Section, Former Board of Governors

Virginia Bar Association, Taxation Section

Virginia Local Government Managers' Association

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Society for the College, William & Mary, Former President

First Baptist Church, Richmond, Deacon and Member

City of Richmond Commission on Architectural Review, Former Member

Boy Scout Troop 710, Goochland, Virginia, Former Scoutmaster

He has served in various localities and across the broad spectrum of local government law, bringing discipline and fresh perspectives to each issue. He thoroughly counsels local governments through difficult decisions and complex litigation with promptness and efficiency. Often, given his extensive local government background, he finds unexpected and interdisciplinary solutions to support his client's needs. His significant record of success, both in and out of court, has led clients to refer to Andrew as a "lawyer's lawyer" and a "legal scholar and a pleasure to work with."

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Part-time County Attorney for King William County
- Part-time County Attorney for Richmond County
- Part-time County Attorney for Essex County
- General counsel to the Stafford County Board of Zoning Appeals
- Former Acting Part-time County Attorney for Accomack County
- Former Acting Part-time Deputy City Attorney for Hampton
- Former Full-time County Attorney in Goochland County
- Former Full-time County Attorney in Culpeper County
- Former Full-time Assistant Attorney in Arlington County
- Former Part-time County Attorney for Mathews County
- Chief attorney in the successful defense of dozens of local governments in major SCC cases against Verizon, Dominion Virginia Power, and other public service corporations.
- Lead attorney in the successful defense of local governments in major circuit court cases against such companies as Aggregate Industries, Dupont, Hazel Homes, International Paper, and Potomac Mills.
- Lead attorney in successful administrative tax assessment appeals before local and state administrative assessing authorities against such companies as General Dynamics.
- Author of many amicus curiae briefs filed with the Virginia Supreme Court on behalf of organizations including the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, the Virginia Association of Counties, and Virginia Municipal League.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Andrew is a popular speaker at conferences and seminars for local government organizations, including:

- American Planning Association (Virginia Chapter)
- Virginia Association of Assessing Officers
- Virginia Association of Zoning Officials
- Commissioners of the Revenue Association
- Local Government Attorneys of Virginia (the statewide bar organization for county, city, and town attorneys)
- Land Use Education Program (Training at legal seminar, BZA and Planning Commission training sessions)