Sands Anderson

COUNSEL

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Practices

Real Estate
Land Use & Zoning
Business & Corporate Transactions

Industries

Community Associations
Commercial Real Estate
Professional Services

EDUCATION

College of William & Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, J.D., 1987

College of William & Mary, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

Virginia

Liz White joined Sands Anderson in 2017, bringing decades of experience and expertise assisting developers, landowners, investors, financial institutions, local governments and common interest communities.

Referred to as a "city attorney for private cities," Liz helps master planned communities and condominiums develop, operate and thrive. When representing communities, she works closely with management and board members to understand the unique values and goals specific to each community.

By collaborating with other attorneys across the Sands Anderson community, Liz ensures each client gets the legal coverage they need. Whether seeking consultative guidance on employment issues, environmental regulations, or land use and zoning, Liz's multi-disciplinary support ensures each client receives proactive and intelligent care. She advises her clients in a variety of land use matters including:

- Real estate acquisitions
- Financing
- Zoning and land use
- Property management
- Corporate guidance
- Community development authorities (CDA's)
- Condominium conversions
- Formation of corporate entities
- Housing for Older Persons (HOPA)
- Compliance with state and federal Fair Housing Laws
- Commercial leases
- Easements, covenants, and restrictions

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RECOGNITION

Appointed to the Public Housing Advisory Committee of the Williamsburg Redevelopment & Housing Authority by the Williamsburg City Council, 2013

Best Lawyers in America®, Litigation - Real Estate, 2013 - 2021

Admitted to College of Community Association Lawyers of the Community Associations Institute

Virginia Business "Legal Elite", Real Estate / Land Use Law

Inside Business's "Top 40 Under 40"

Honored by special resolution of the City of Williamsburg's City Council for distinguished service and leadership while serving as a member and Chair of the city's Board of Zoning Appeals, 2008

Outstanding Service Award by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, 2002

Speaker of the Year Award from Southeastern Virginia Chapter of the Community Associations Institute, 2002

"Above and Beyond" Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, 2000

Commencement Speaker and Graduate, Leadership Institute of the Virginia Peninsula, Class of 1996

"Influential Women of Virginia" by Virginia Lawyers Media

"Top Lawyer" by Coastal Virginia Magazine and CoVaBiz Magazine, 2018

- Real Estate title disputes
- Registration of residential condominiums
- Commercial and mixed-use condominiums
- Timeshare associations
- Licensure with the Common Interest Community Board (CIC Board) of the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

Her breadth of knowledge and experience across the spectrum of development, zoning, operations, management, and insurance, enables Liz to deftly move and negotiate within a variety of legal frameworks and environments. A teacher at heart, she breaks down complex laws and regulations and assists clients in developing pragmatic strategies to overcome and avoid legal obstacles. Her ability to effectively communicate and work between developers, community associations, club owners, lenders, managers, insurance companies, local governments and boards facilitates efficient problem solving and enhances her clients' relationships within these diverse frameworks.

Prior to joining Sands Anderson, Liz served at the following legal firms:

- LeClairRyan, Williamsburg, Virginia, March 2007 – August 2017
- Kaufman & Canoles, Williamsburg, Virginia, December 1992 – March 2007
- McGuireWoods, Richmond, Virginia, September 1987 – November 1992
- Law Clerk to Managing Partner, Vernon M. Geddy, Jr., McGuire, Woods, Battle, & Boothe, Williamsburg, Virginia, 1985 – 1987

Liz has been instrumental in the development of a number of successful master planned communities including:

- The Governor's Land
- HarborView
- Kingsmill on the James
- Magnolia Green
- NewTown
- Stonehouse Preservation
- Villages of Kiln Creek
- Warrington Hall

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Hospice House and Support Care of Williamsburg, Board of Directors

Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia, Board of Directors

Studio South Foundation, Board of Directors

Breathing Space, Inc., Board of Directors

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City of Williamsburg Board of Zoning Appeals, Former Member and Former Chair

Hampton Roads Association for Commercial Real Estate, Member

Community Associations Institute, Southeastern Chapter, Member

Virginia Bar Association, Member

Virginia State Bar Community Service Program, Charter Member, 2004-present

College of Community Association Lawyers, Member, 2010 – Present

Virginia State Bar, Local Government Law Section, Member

Williamsburg Bar Association, Member

City of Williamsburg Public Housing Advisory Committee, Former Member

Hampton Roads Jaycees, Former Member and Vice President

Model Judiciary Program, 9th Judicial Circuit of Virginia Bar Association, Former Director

Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Conference, Former Member, Board of Governors

Greater Peninsula Women's Bar Association, Past President and Secretary

Legal Studies Advisory Board, Christopher Newport University, Former Member

Child Caring Connections, Former Director