



Gilbert C. "Gib" Laite, III

Partner

Raleigh, NC

P: 919.981.4046

F: 919.981.4300

glaite@williamsmullen.com



Gib Laite concentrates his practice in the general areas of construction, real estate, securities representatives, commercial collections, business and loan workouts, lender liability and railroads. For more than 20 years, Gib has handled a wide variety of matters, including contracts involving construction, sale of business, sale of goods, sale of real estate, securities representatives and letters of intent; landlord and tenant disputes involving lease defaults, collection of rents, fixtures, and non-compete or other restrictive use clauses; title and boundary disputes including the related issues of roadway rights, easements, water rights, developer turnover and restrictions on use; loan defaults, workouts, collections and lender liability; business workouts and wind-downs; construction contracts, delays, payment defaults, defects, liens and bonds; condemnations/eminent domain; railroad right of way matters; real estate escrow disputes; real estate broker, real estate appraiser and general contractor licensing board complaints and compliance; and partnership matters. Gib's practice includes the drafting and litigation of construction contracts, leases and other business documents, and includes both consultation and dispute resolution.

Gib also advises clients in property tax matters. He frequently assists clients with the negotiation and litigation of cases involving real and personal property taxes and the assessment of tax-exempt properties.

He is a member of the Maine and North Carolina state bars and the American and North Carolina Bar Associations. He is listed in *Business North Carolina's* Legal Elite for construction law (2013-present), and he is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* (2007-present). He has been named the *Best Lawyers*® Raleigh "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation - Real Estate (2020) and the Wilmington "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation - Construction (2016). Gib frequently presents seminars on construction lien law, real property litigation and railroad issues and regularly authors articles for publication on these and other

legal topics. Martindale-Hubbell has rated him an AV attorney, its highest rating available.

Gib is a former general counsel to the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. He has also served on the boards of directors and executive committees of numerous civic organizations.

Before joining the firm, he served for two years as a law clerk to the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina. Prior to attending law school, Gib was licensed as a real estate broker, with experience in construction, development, sales, finance and general business matters.

Gib earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the University of Southern Maine and a Juris Doctor degree, *cum laude*, from the Wake Forest University School of Law.

Practice Areas

- Construction
- Land Use - Eminent Domain Litigation
- Transportation & Logistics
- Real Estate Litigation
- Litigation
- Distressed Property Group
- Sports Arenas and Stadium Construction
- Infrastructure
- Financial Services Litigation
- Tax Controversy
- State & Local Tax
- Tax Law

Education

- Wake Forest University School of Law (J.D.)
cum laude
- University of Southern Maine (B.S.)

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- North Carolina Bar Association
- Certified North Carolina Superior Court Mediator

Awards

- Martindale-Hubbell ? AV-Rated
- *Best Lawyers*[®] ? Raleigh "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation - Real Estate (2020)
- *Best Lawyers*[®] ? Wilmington "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation - Construction (2016)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] ? Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Banking & Finance Litigation, Construction Litigation, Real Estate Litigation, Railroad Law, Land Use & Zoning Law and Real Estate Law (2007-present)
- *North Carolina Super Lawyers* (2010-2014)
- *Business North Carolina* - "Legal Elite," Construction Law (2013-present)