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## Mike A. Merar

#### **Associate**

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When litigation is unavoidable, Mike helps seamlessly guide companies every step of the way, partnering sound legal solutions with years of experience.

#### **More About Mike**

When the stakes are high, companies—big and small—are often forced to deal with complex litigation. Clients look to Mike to help provide effective strategies, from prosecuting breach of contract to defending in consumer litigation.

Mike has substantial experience defending consumer reporting agencies in Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) litigation in both state and federal courts across the country. He has also represented lenders, data furnishers, and other companies in both FCRA litigation, as well as other consumer-focused statutes, including the Fair Debt Collection Practice Act, the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, and others. Mike's years of litigation experience extends to general complex commercial litigation, running the gambit from breach of contract to complex warranty claims, with an emphasis on construction litigation.

For years, Mike has focused on consumer finance litigation, providing efficient legal defense, while minimizing liability, securing a sound result—whether via settlement or dispositive motion, and providing solutions that meet his clients' objectives.

Clients can rely on Mike to balance their needs with an ever-changing legal landscape. Leveraging his technical acumen and legal skills, he thinks outside of the box to find inventive, individually tailored solutions to his clients' issues.

Mike enjoys working with clients to "fit a square peg into a round hole." He likes to use his creative skills to provide innovative solutions and add value to his clients' teams.

### **Education**

- JD, Emory University School of Law Order of Barristers
- BA, University of Michigan
  Public Policy; Political Science minor
  Graduation with distinction

## **Admissions**

- Georgia
- Texas

#### **Courts**

- US Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- US District Court, District of Colorado
- US District Court, Middle District of Georgia

- US District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- US District Court, Southern District of Georgia
- US District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- US District Court, Northern District of Texas
- US District Court, Southern District of Texas
- US District Court, Western District of Texas

## **Civic & Charitable**

• Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Dallas, member

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