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John Amabile prides himself on practicing the art of litigation and seeks to partner with clients to obtain the best results for their business. A seasoned commercial litigator, he has first-chair, lead attorney experience in state and federal courts of all levels. He has tried dozens of cases to judges, juries, and arbitrators, has represented parties in more than 200 mediations, and has resolved hundreds of disputes. This experience allows John to identify and obtain the most cost-effective resolution for the benefit of his client.

John's experience is with diverse clientele, including those from the real estate, logistics, consumer goods, and technology industries. He has represented clients in substantive areas of the law as wide ranging as securities, business disputes, real estate contracts, and construction defects. His litigation experience over 25 years has taught him that the most important task in any lawsuit is identifying issues. That is not limited to issues raised in a dispute but also identifying those issues that motivate the litigation decision. John's strength is in helping clients identify these issues, making an appropriate and cost-effective decision, and obtaining the best result, inside or outside a courtroom.

This dedication to the identifying and working towards the clients' primary goals often lead to the best compliment which a lawyer can be paid: repeat clients. John prides himself on working with clients on multiple matters over a period of years, and he seeks to develop long-lasting relationships as both an attorney and an advisor.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented clients in briefing and oral arguments in all levels of state and federal appellate courts.
- Acted as national trial counsel for a New York real estate company accused of securities fraud arising from the sale of tenant in common interests in a shopping center.
- Represented multiple REITs in commercial, construction, and property disputes.
- Won motions in multiple federal courts to enforce arbitration provisions in a nationwide securities dispute.



ATLANTA OFFICE



PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation
 Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
 Real Estate Litigation
 Antitrust & Trade Regulation
 Construction
 Cybersecurity & Data Privacy
 Fintech



EDUCATION

Emory University
 JD, 1992
 Hamilton College
 BA, 1989



ADMISSIONS

Georgia, 1995
 New York, 1993



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- Led the defense in North Georgia of multiple synthetic stucco claims against homebuilders.
- Obtained a dismissal of a multimillion-dollar lawsuit based on the discovery abuses of the opposing party.
- Negotiated a multimillion-dollar consent judgment against a developer on claims arising from the \$150 million sale of a shopping center.
- Represented an insurance company in post-verdict motions and appeals after excess verdict on direct action claim.

CLIENT ALERTS

- "What Court Works Best for Us in Atlanta?," January 2019
- "Arbitration in 2018: A Global View," July 2018
- "Textualism Is the Law of the Land in Georgia: What to Do About It?," December 2017
- "Welcome to Georgia On Our Mind," November 2017
- "Litigation Considerations for the Emerging Real Estate Company," March 2017

PUBLICATIONS

- "Five Artful Considerations for a Successful Mediation," ACC Docket, November 2018
- "A Brave New World: Cryptocurrency, Blockchain, and the Complex and Ever-Changing Regulatory Framework," The Banking Law Journal, September 2018
- "The Legal Risks of Crowdfunding," Development Magazine, June 2018
- "Public Notification of Data Breaches: Between a Rock and a Hard Place," The Daily Report, March 2018
- "The Potential Death of the Georgia Arbitration Act," The Daily Report, February 2018



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- "Textualism in Georgia: The Truth Lies in Judge McFadden's Dissent," The Daily Report, October 2017
- "At the Intersection of Real Estate and Securities Fraud," GlobeSt.com, July 2017
- "Sovereign Immunity Is Absolute, and Textualism May Be Too at Georgia High Court," The Daily Report, July 2017
- "ACC's New Data Security Guidance to Law Firms: Be Careful What You Ask For," Corporate Counsel, May 2017
- "Chapter 117 on Warranties," Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts, Fourth Edition, February 2017
- "Yes, You Do Need Commercial Trial Outside Counsel," Corporate Counsel, September 2015
- "Bill Cosby and the Court Reporter: A Cautionary Tale," The Daily Report, July 2015
- "As REITs Expand, Threat of Data Security Breaches Becomes Concern," National Real Estate Investor Online, May 2015

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "REITS and Cybersecurity: Legal Risks, State Laws and Some Alphabet Soup," Prepara Webinars, January 2017
- "The Role of the Expert Witness in Forensic Engineering," Forensic Engineering in Building Construction, Atlanta, Ga., January 2012
- "The Use of Expert Witnesses in Construction Claims," Construction Claims Continuing Education Seminar, Atlanta, Ga., January 1911

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- *Emory Journal of International Law*, Associate Editor
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MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Atlanta Bar Association, Member
- National Association of Home Builders Construction Law Attorney Forum, Charter Member
- State Bar of Georgia