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Austin Charles is an associate in Alston & Bird's Real Estate Finance & Investment Group. He concentrates his practice on private fund formation, governance, and investment.

Austin assists clients in the formation and governance of real estate funds in the private equity space and advises venture capital firms in the European secondaries market. His clients include fund sponsors, investment advisers, venture capital firms, and venture capital-backed start-up companies. While based in Atlanta, he regularly collaborates on matters through the firm's Silicon Valley and London offices.

Before joining the firm, he advised clients on real estate matters, mergers, and regulatory compliance in the cannabis space. As a legal intern for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health Law Program, he conducted research on cannabis regulation in tribal territories.

Austin is a nationally sought-after speaker on mindfulness in the legal profession. While in law school, he cofounded the Mindfulness in Law Society and currently serves on its board of directors.

Representative Experience

- Represented a San Francisco-based technology company in a multimillion-dollar Series Seed financing.
- Represented a London-based venture capital firm in a U.S. secondaries acquisition.
- Assisted a Paris-based venture capital firm in a UK secondaries acquisition.
- Assists on formation and offering for various real estate private equity funds, REITs, and co-investment vehicles.
- Advises institutional privately managed real estate private equity funds with asset acquisition and disposition.
- Facilitated the merger and acquisition of a major Atlanta real estate firm.
- Counsel to start-up companies on corporate governance, employment, and financing matters.

Publications & Presentations

Presentations

- "Practical Tools for Your Optimal Self," ABA Young Lawyers Division's Lawyer Well-Being Workshop, webinar, June 26, 2021.
- "Benefits of Practicing Mindfulness for Lawyers," Atlanta Bar Association Wellness Committee, Atlanta, GA, February 11, 2020.
- "Mindfulness in Law Schools Conference Plenary Session," Southeastern Association of Law Schools 2017 Annual Conference, Boca Raton, FL, August 3, 2017.

- “Mindfulness and Health for Health Lawyers: Fostering the Formation of Professional Identity and Resilience,” Georgia State University College of Law 40th Annual Health Law Professors Conference, Atlanta, GA, June 8-10, 2017.
- “Workshop: An Introduction to Mindfulness,” Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY, October 19, 2016.
- “The Reflective Practitioner: Incorporating Mindfulness in the ADR Curriculum in Law Schools,” ABA Section of Dispute Resolution 18th Annual Spring Conference, New York, NY, April 7-9, 2016.

Education

- Georgia State University (J.D., 2018)
- Furman University (B.A., 2015)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia

Related Services

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