



## One Atlantic Center

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## Education

Georgia State University  
College of Law, J.D., 2009,  
*summa cum laude*

- Legislative Editor,  
Georgia State Law  
Review
- Board Member, Moot  
Court
- Bleckley Inn of Court  
Pupil

Dartmouth College, B.A.,  
1997, Honors, Presidential  
Scholar

## Previous Experience

Intergovernmental Affairs  
Manager, Mayor's Office of  
the City Of Atlanta



Law Clerk, Chief Justice  
Carol Hunstein, Georgia  
Supreme Court

Law Clerk, Chief Judge  
Anne Barnes, Georgia Court  
of Appeals

## Admissions

State Bar of Georgia

## Robert L. Ashe III, Partner

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Robbie Ashe represents both plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal courts. He focuses on issues involving politics, governments and governmental authorities throughout Georgia, particularly the City of Atlanta, metro Atlanta governments and the Georgia General Assembly.

In 2010, Robbie was appointed by the City of Atlanta to serve on the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA). Robbie was elected by his colleagues to serve as the Chairman of the Board for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, and currently serves as the Treasurer.

Robbie's government and political experience includes:

- Negotiating transfers of government assets worth tens of millions of dollars.
- Supervising teams of governmental finance experts and attorneys in the evaluation, negotiation and implementation of issues involving:
  - government procurement codes, including procurement disputes;
  - redevelopment issues, including condemnation, impact fees, and bonded indebtedness;
  - issuance of commercial paper by local government enterprise funds;
  - Georgia's Open Records Act and Open Meetings Act;
  - sales and property tax disputes, exemptions, and appeals; and
  - government ethics and campaign finance issues.
- Planning and executing multi-year, public communications and advocacy campaigns resulting in multiple successful multi-billion dollar sales tax referenda.
- Negotiating consolidation of Atlanta's court system.
- Advising the election and re-election campaigns of the three most recent Atlanta mayors, several members of the Atlanta City Council and the Atlanta Public School Board, and numerous Georgia General Assembly members.
- Defended Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms' victory throughout recent recount challenge.

## Representative Work

- Successfully represented Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms and the City Council of the City of Atlanta in the lawsuit Governor Kemp brought in an effort to invalidate the Mask Order implemented by Mayor Bottoms.
- Successfully represented Athens-Clarke County in defending a lawsuit against Athens-Clarke County's COVID-related ordinances requiring masks in public spaces and reducing bars' operating hours to make last call earlier.
- Lead a trial team who helped the City of Brookhaven secure a unanimous ruling from a state-appointed arbitration panel. The ruling gives Brookhaven the right to move forward unimpeded with a 27+ acre annexation at the intersection of North Druid Hills and Briarcliff, thereby facilitating a major planned mixed-use development on a portion of the site by the Related Group.

U.S. Supreme Court  
U.S. Court of Appeals for  
the Eleventh Circuit  
U.S. District Court for the  
Middle District of Georgia  
U.S. District Court for the  
Northern District of Georgia  
U.S. District Court for the  
Southern District of Georgia  
U.S. District Court for  
the Western District of  
Tennessee  
Supreme Court of Georgia  
Georgia Court of Appeals

- Successfully defended a \$250 million food and beverage concessions contract award through an administrative protest, an administrative appeal, and multiple rounds of litigation.
- Won an extraordinary motion for a new trial on behalf of a bank seeking to enforce a guaranty.
- Successfully represented commercial landlord in multi-day arbitration against tenant-in-possession regarding lease performance, including receiving attorneys' fees.
- Successfully represented both employers and former employees in employment covenant litigation, including enforcement and invalidation of non-competes and non-solicitation covenants.
- Secured a confidential settlement representing TASER International, Inc. and 40 of its largest shareholders in a lawsuit against 8 Wall Street firms alleging RICO and securities violations arising out of the sale of securities.
- Served as plaintiffs' counsel in a class action breach of contract/RICO case against one of the nation's largest shipping companies. The lawsuit alleged that the company intentionally overcharged its customers by imposing residential delivery charges for deliveries to non-residential addresses such as courthouses, government buildings and banks. The case was recently settled for \$21.5 million.
- Won trial defending an international hotel company against charges of theft of government property.

### **Professional Activities**

Treasurer, Former Chairman, Board of Directors, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)

Former Class Representative, Georgia State Law Alumni Council

Master, Bleckley Inn of Court

Elder, Central Presbyterian Church

Founder and Former Board Member, Red Clay Democrats

Former Advisory Committee Member, Atlanta Legal Aid Society

Former Board Member and Secretary, Woodward Academy Alumni Association

Former Board Chair, Central Presbyterian Outreach Advocacy Center

### **Honors & Awards**

Marshall Memorial Fellow

Graduate, Leadership Atlanta

Georgia Rising Star, *Atlanta Magazine*, 2016-2019

Recognized as being "On The Rise" by the *Fulton County Daily Report*

Woodward Academy Distinguished Alumni Award: 2016

100 Most Influential Georgians 2018 and 2019, *Georgia Trend*

Atlanta's Most Powerful Leaders 2019, *Atlanta Magazine*