

## Joseph E. "Joey " Burtner

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### About Joseph

**Serving businesses in a wide range of industries, Joseph "Joey" Burtner represents clients in commercial and civil litigation disputes involving contracts, municipal government, insurance defense and other issues.**

Joey brings a rich and well-rounded background to his practice. After earning his undergraduate degree in accounting, he spent almost a decade as an entrepreneur in the downtown Macon, GA restaurant and bar industry. He then obtained a graduate degree and briefly worked in corporate sustainability before ultimately deciding to go to law school.

Joey's involvement in handling the many legal issues that occurred in his field inspired him to become an attorney. Prior to joining James Bates, he clerked for Chief Judge Howard Sim and for another Georgia law firm. He also earned a certificate in mediation.

Company clients appreciate that Joey once stood in their shoes. He contributes his wide-angle and entrepreneurial perspectives to real-world business concerns, as well as valuable insights into addressing them optimally. Always looking to tackle matters proactively, Joey works to mitigate potential issues that may impact his client's case.

### After Hours

### Services

- Litigation

Joey enjoys travel, photography, building furniture in his workshop, and spending time on Lake Tobesofkee.

## **Professional Organizations/Activities**

- State Bar of Georgia

## **Education**

University of Georgia School of Law (J.D., 2022)

Wake Forest University (MA, 2016)

Mercer University (B.A., 2006)

## **Admitted**

### **Bar Admissions**

Georgia, 2022