



Expansion and relocation are among the most significant, long-lasting decisions business leaders can make. Adding real estate, square footage and employees can drive a company's growth—but they don't come without risks.

Womble Carlyle's Economic Development team works with growing companies in North and South Carolina from the earliest stages of expansion and relocation (before the real estate is purchased) to the end of the deal, long past the point when the shovel hits the ground. Clients can expect seamless service throughout the life of the deal. Our team fosters long-term relationships with clients, with a focus on their overall business strategy.

Team members include veteran, local attorneys who focus on economic development full-time. These lawyers have a vast network of government contacts at the state, county and municipal levels in both Carolinas. Our team creates custom solutions, rather than off-the-shelf form contracts, to ensure our clients' interests are represented in economic development transactions.

Our specific services to Economic Development clients include:

- Economic development incentives
- Land use and siting procedures
- Corporate finance
- Corporate and securities/Tax
- Environmental due diligence
- Labor & employment
- Federal & state government affairs
- Regulatory matters at the state, county and local level.

### Our Team



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John Hunter's practice is primarily focused on assisting and counseling clients with respect to economic development initiatives and opportunities in the Carolinas. Having served as Director of Economic Development for the two-state, sixteen-county Charlotte Regional Partnership, Hunter works closely with domestic and international companies seeking to expand or relocate operations to the Carolinas and the southeast United States.



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Stephanie Yarbrough works closely with domestic and international companies seeking to expand or relocate operations to the Carolinas and the Southeastern United States. She helps companies from across the country, and around the world, to identify and capitalize on the best opportunities in the Southeastern United States. Stephanie is the former Director of Economic Development for the City of Charleston.



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Michael Bogle represents corporate clients in complex environmental litigation matters, including CERCLA/cost recovery actions, toxic tort actions, and cases involving impacted property. Michael also advises companies in state and federal environmental regulatory compliance.



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Neill Edwards has more than two decades of experience in multistate and local tax planning, controversy, and related regulatory work on a national level. This experience covers all fifty states, and virtually all categories of taxes and related state regulatory imposts.



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Melinda Davis Lux focuses her practice on complex business deals, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and financing transactions. She also advises public companies, directors, and stockholders with respect to securities law and corporate governance matters, including SEC reporting requirements.



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David McCormack litigates employment-related matters, including wrongful termination claims, employment discrimination claims and claims involving non-competition/trade secret agreements. He also serves frequently as a mediator and arbitrator in both employment and commercial disputes.



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Cynthia Spieth Morton's practice includes commercial and residential real estate transactions, including purchases, sales and borrowing, leasing, and assistance with homeowner governance issues, including preparation, amendment, and review of restrictive covenants.

