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*“The art of what we do has to do with being able to see the future and knowing how to get there in the way that best serves the client. It’s magic to show a client what the future can be.”*

Mr. Jordan’s commercial real estate law practice is oriented to building and development, capital formation, infrastructure finance, special tax districts, municipal relations, and onshore investment by foreign investors. He has substantial experience in industrial and retail commercial development, commercial leasing, land and apartment syndications, mortgage lending, subdivision development and home-building, and debt restructuring. In down economic cycles, Mr. Jordan represents opportunistic real estate investors in evaluating and purchasing distressed assets, including liens and hard assets, lenders and borrowers in loan workout contexts, project owners and tenants in defense of mechanics lien claims and similar disputes occasioned by insolvent contractors, and partners in resolving disputes with project co-investors.

*“Real estate developers own a lot of land in search of infrastructure. That’s where public-private partnerships for economic development come in. Multi-party negotiations on entitlements, tax abatements, and infrastructure creation are ongoing at every level of government. Some tax units are creating special tax districts to get specific projects done; others prefer to use existing assessment authority in a more traditional way. These deals get complex quickly. Either way, it’s easy for clients to lose their bearings, or worse, never get started.”*

Mr. Jordan works hand in hand with contractors, engineers, architects, land planners, and municipal staff and officials in conjunction with master planning and entitlement of multi-use developments and construction projects. Mr. Jordan assists owners, as well, with a variety of facilities projects, most frequently in the health care, manufacturing, and commercial service industries. He has a special interest in the appropriate documentation of technical, strategic, and financial planning, providing insight through layers of technical jargon.

*“A typical client plans significant land positions and improves value through superior logistical thinking, public-private partnerships, creative leverage, efficient infrastructure development, and good timing. Many need complex equity funding arrangements with institutional or private equity funds as co-investors. Capital formation negotiations represent an important part of their business.”*

Mr. Jordan is also actively engaged in an environmental and water law practice, emphasizing legal defense and counseling in site- and facility-related enforcement, remediation, and compliance matters. He frequently represents potentially responsible parties in Superfund-related response cost actions and in indemnity and contribution actions between private parties concerning ultimate liability for site investigations, removal actions, and remediation activities. He also defends penalty and enforcement actions brought by the Environmental Protection Agency and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, typically in the administrative context.

Mr. Jordan has an active docket of compliance counseling matters, primarily relating to water and soil media, and from time to time involving air pollution issues. The need for such counseling typically arises out of (i) enforcement actions, which frequently expose the need for compliance systems; (ii) capital transactions (mergers, land transfers, and debt financing); or (iii) voluntary environmental audits, an increasingly common exercise to educate management and employees and encourage compliance. His real estate practice particularly complements his environmental practice in the areas of special district formation and interpreting and advising on water law and environmental site assessments, which play a major role in many purchase, sale, merger, recapitalization, and debt transactions.

Mr. Jordan has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* each year since 2006 and in the 2010 Dallas edition of *Texas’ Best Lawyers*, in the specialty of environmental law. He was selected by *D Magazine* as a Best Lawyer in Dallas in 2009.

*“What sets Carrington Coleman apart? There are two parts to that question. From a lawyer’s standpoint, it’s the level of professionalism. From the client’s standpoint, it’s the level of credibility we have achieved, due to our professionalism.”*

## Education

Harvard Law School  
J.D., 1978  
Phi Beta Kappa

Emory University  
B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1974

## Admittances

Texas 1978

## Associations/Affiliations

Member: American Bar Association - Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law Section and Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section.

Member: State Bar of Texas - Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section and Real Estate, Probate, and Trust Law Section.

Member: Dallas Bar Association - Environmental Law Section and Real Property Section.

Past Chair: Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section, State Bar of Texas, 2005.

Past Chair: Dallas Bar Association Environmental Law Section, 2001.

## Speeches/Publications

Co-Author, *Impacts of LandAmerica Bankruptcy*, Carrington Coleman Real Estate Law Bulletin, December 2008.

*Practice Makes Perfect: Unauthorized Practice of Law Issues in the Environmental Practice Field*, Tx. Env'tal L.J. (Spring 1999) (co-author).

*A Market-Based Analysis of the TNRCC's Voluntary Cleanup Agreement*, State Bar of Texas Environmental Course, 1996.

*Enemies Within: Ethics and Professional Liabilities in Environmental Practice*, Tarrant County Bar Association Environmental Law Section, Feb. 1996.