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Charles B. "Chuck" Costar, III is a partner in the Orlando office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he practices transactional real estate, land use and real estate based financing and is Co-Chair of the Real Estate Practice Group.

A Martindale-Hubbell AV® rated attorney, Chuck represents public and private businesses, institutions and individuals buying, selling, developing and financing real estate transactions. He is experienced representing local and national developers and home builders on large-scale commercial, mixed-use, single-family and multi-family residential projects. He also has experience representing financial institutions in workout and restructuring transactions as well as foreclosure actions.

Chuck is a past member of Orange County's Florida Board of Zoning Adjustment, former board member of Lifework Leadership and a graduate of Leadership Orlando and Lifework Leadership.

Practice Areas

Real Estate

Land Use & Zoning

Commercial Lending

Industry Focus

Real Estate

Accolades

- [Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Rated, 5.0 out of 5.0](#)

Charles B. Costar III

- *Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Banking & Finance Law, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
 - Real Estate Law, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
 - Land Use and Zoning Law, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
 - Litigation - Construction, 2021
- *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite NOTABLE, Real Estate/Land Use Attorneys, 2025
- *Orlando Magazine*, "The Best Lawyers in Orlando," 2020

Education

- University of Florida, J.D., with honors, 1992
- University of Florida, B.S., B.A., with honors, 1989

Bar Admissions

Florida

Professional and Civic

- Orange County Bar Association
- Graduate, Leadership Orlando and Lifework Leadership
- Past member, Florida Board of Zoning Adjustment of Orange County
- Past Board Member, Lifework Leadership