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## Chambliss Welcomes Attorney Theresa Critchfield to Construction and Real Estate Practice

**CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.** (March 23, 2026) — Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel, P.C. is pleased to welcome attorney [Theresa Critchfield](#), who will support and enhance the firm's [construction](#) and [real estate](#) practice areas.



Theresa Critchfield

"We're thrilled to welcome Theresa back to Chambliss," said President and Managing Shareholder [Steve Barham](#). "Theresa is known not only for her depth of experience, but for the way she invests in relationships and approaches each matter with care and perspective. Her experience, steady counsel, and dedication to the success of others will continue to make a meaningful impact across our firm."

Raised in a family business that provided supplies to the construction industry, Critchfield gained early insight into the day-to-day challenges contractors and suppliers face. For more than 20 years, she has represented businesses, contractors, subcontractors, architects, engineers, suppliers, developers, and owners in a wide range of construction and real estate matters, both transactional and contested. Critchfield works with clients from initial contract negotiation through project completion, advising on risk management and helping resolve issues that may form along the way.

Experienced in projects of all sizes, Critchfield advises on licensing, project administration, and related business considerations. When disputes arise, she represents clients in state and federal courts, as well as in mediation and arbitration, handling matters involving payment issues, project delays, design and construction concerns, lien and bond claims, and related issues under the Prompt Pay Act and Consumer Protection Act. Additionally, Critchfield advises on a variety of real estate issues, including commercial landlord-tenant matters and other property-related conflicts.

A longtime leader in the construction law community, Critchfield is actively involved in numerous professional organizations. She was the first female affiliate elected to the board of [Associated General Contractors of East Tennessee](#) and has served multiple terms on its legal and legislative committees. She also serves as chair of the [Tennessee Bar Association Construction Law Section](#). In addition, Critchfield is active in several national and regional construction law organizations, including the [Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel](#), the [ABA Forum on Construction Law](#), and the [National Association of Women in Construction](#), where she is a treasurer and founding board member.

Critchfield earned her Bachelor of Business Administration, cum laude, in International Business and Economics from Mercer University Stetson School of Business and Economics, and her Juris Doctor from Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law. She is admitted to practice in Tennessee and Georgia.

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