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## Shumaker Welcomes W. Christopher “Chris” Haynes to Support Clients Amid Charleston’s Booming Real Estate Market

**CHARLESTON, S.C.** — W. Christopher “Chris” Haynes has joined Shumaker as Senior Counsel, bringing more than 15 years of experience advising clients on complex real estate matters. He joins the firm at a time when Charleston’s real estate market continues to surge, fueled by strong population growth, expanding employment centers, and one of the fastest job growth rates among major U.S. markets in 2026.

As Charleston continues to attract businesses, new residents, and investment capital, demand for both commercial and residential development has accelerated. Chris’ experience representing builders, developers, investors, and individual clients ideally positions him to guide clients navigating the region’s dynamic real estate landscape.

In practice for more than a decade and a half, Chris is known for his practical, solutions-oriented approach to helping clients achieve their real estate goals. His practice focuses on property acquisitions, development, use, and sales, with significant experience advising on both commercial and residential transactions.

“Chris brings a strong understanding of the real estate market and a practical, solutions-oriented approach that aligns perfectly with how we serve our clients. His broad experience strengthens our ability to support clients as they navigate opportunities in the Charleston region’s rapidly evolving market,” said Katie Hinson Lewis, Shumaker Partner and Real Estate, Construction & Development Service Line Lead.

Chris’ addition strengthens Shumaker’s ability to serve clients throughout South Carolina and beyond as the region continues to experience significant economic expansion and real estate activity.

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Real Estate, Construction & Development

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W. Christopher Haynes

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“Charleston’s growth presents tremendous opportunity for developers, investors, and businesses entering the market,” said Chris. “I’m excited to join Shumaker and work alongside a talented team to help clients navigate the complexities of real estate development and investment in such a vibrant and rapidly evolving region.”

Shumaker’s real estate team advises clients across the full lifecycle of real estate projects, from acquisition and development through financing, leasing, and disposition, helping clients capitalize on opportunities in high-growth markets like Charleston.