



Ursula Koenig Burgess

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Ursula represents community associations in Virginia and Maryland. She works with community associations to:

- Amend governing documents, including Declarations, Bylaws and Architectural Guidelines
- Collect delinquent assessments through liens, lawsuits, and foreclosure actions
- Compel compliance with the association's governing documents by filing lawsuits in Circuit Court and complaints with the Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC)
- Resolve neighbor to neighbor disputes
- Negotiate million dollar contracts for capital improvements and renovations
- Defend associations in lawsuits and CCOC complaints
- Defend associations from Fair Housing Complaints

Ursula has been very successful in bringing delinquency rates under control for associations. In one case a condominium client avoided filing bankruptcy as a result of her successful collection efforts. For that client, and others, she negotiated a payment plan with the utility company to pay the overdue bills and avoid having the electricity shut off. Her aggressive approach to collection of assessments is appreciated by her association clients.

Professional Credentials

- Graduate of James Madison University
- Graduate, with honors, Drake University Law School
- Judicial clerkship with the Honorable William W. Wenner, III, Maryland Court of Special Appeals
- Barred in Virginia and Maryland, as well as U.S. Bankruptcy Court
- Member, Community Associations Institute, Washington Metropolitan Chapter, Chair of Education Committee (2010 – 2011), Educational Council Chair (2012)
- Member, Community Associations Institute, Chesapeake Chapter
- Member, Community Associations Institute, Maryland Legislative Committee (2009 – current)
- Panel Chair, Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities (2008 – current)
- Peer-rated 'distinguished' by Martindale-Hubbell, 2011, 2012.

Speaker

- Community Association Institute, Washington Metro Chapter 2012 Conference and Expo - "Advanced Issues Regarding Architectural Guidelines and Standards"
- Community Association Institute, Washington Metro Chapter 2010 Conference and Expo – Maryland Legislative Update
- Community Association Institute, Washington Metro Chapter, 2010 Education Series – Navigating Governing Documents
- Community Association Institute, Chesapeake Chapter, 2010 Education Series – Effective Communications for

Communities in the Digital Age

- Community Association Institute, Washington Metro Chapter, 2009 Education Series – Architectural Guidelines: Avoiding Pitfalls and Problem Areas
- Capital Property Management, Educational Event, 2009, 2011, 2012
- Speaker on integration of technological advances into CA governance, CAI Institute, Virginia Leadership Conference, July, 2011.
- Keynote Speaker at the Annual Forum of the Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities - "The New FHA Rules and the Financial Challenges Facing Our Communities.", October, 2011.

• Articles

- "Mastering the Relationship with Subassociations" (April 2012 *Quorum Magazine*)
- "Ask the Experts - Master Roads" (November / December 2011, *Common Ground Magazine*)
- "Making Sense of the Puzzle" (September 2011 *Quorum Magazine*)
- "Foreclosures: Help Thy Self" (July 2011 *Quorum Magazine*)
- "Popular Myths of FHA Financing" (October 2010 *Quorum Magazine*)
- "2010 D.C. and Maryland Legislative Update" (June 2010 *RB Community Association Newsletter*)
- "Defamation, Libel and Slander – Oh My!" (April 2010 *RB Community Association Newsletter*)
- "Navigating Architectural Review Guidelines" (October 2009 *RB Community Association Newsletter*)
- "Maryland and District of Columbia Legislative Update" (June 2009 *RB Community Association Newsletter*)
- "The Recovery of Incidental Charges in the Collection of Assessments" (August 2008 *RB Community Association Newsletter*)
- "Legislative Changes in the District of Columbia and Maryland Affecting Community Associations" (July 2008 *RB Community Association Newsletter*)
- "An Overview of Two Common Homeowners' Association Litigation Matters" (April 2008 *RB Community Association Newsletter*)
- "Association and Board Member Parties" (November 2007 *RB Community Association Newsletter*)
- "Community Association Issues with Pets" (June 2007 *RB Community Association Newsletter*)
- "2007 Legislative Changes Affecting Community Associations" (May 2007 *RB Community Association Newsletter*)
- "Association's Duty to Remove Snow" (September 2005 *RB Community Association Newsletter*)
- "Virginia and Maryland Legislative Changes" (May 2005 *RB Community Association Newsletter*)
- "Basic information Regarding Third Party Foreclosures" (September 2004 *RB Community Association Newsletter*)

• Awards

- 2009 Rising Star Award, Community Association Institute, Washington Metro Chapter
- Committee Chair of the Year, Community Association Institute, Washington Metro Chapter (2010, 2011)

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