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Jesse P. Evans, III is a lawyer at Evans and Evans, LLC. Mr. Evans received his B.S. from Athens College and his J.D. from Birmingham School of Law. He has represented clients in a wide variety of real estate development, land use, eminent domain, title insurance and real estate litigation matters for over thirty years. Mr. Evans has served as lead counsel in over two hundred jury trials and a greater number of bench trials as well as over one hundred appeals in the state and federal courts. He is the author of *Alabama Property Rights and Remedies* (5th ed.), one of the leading works on real property law in Alabama. He has also served as a Professor of Law at Birmingham School of Law and as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Alabama School Of Law. Mr. Evans is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Real Estate Law, Land Use and Zoning Law and Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law (since 1995), as well as in *Alabama Super Lawyers* in the category of Real Estate, Eminent Domain, and Land Use/Zoning. IN 2011 and 2012, Mr. Evans was named by *Alabama Super Lawyers* to "Alabama Top 50." Mr. Evans is also recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for usiness and Real Estate* for Zoning/Land Use. He was named Birmingham Litigation-Real Estate Lawyer of the Year for 2012.

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