

## **New Plat Law Effective July 1**

June 28, 2012

A new law effective on July 1 significantly overhauls long-standing statutes applicable to land plats and maps filed in Superior Court Clerks' offices in Georgia. Act 599 enacted by legislators this year makes the following changes:

- Limits plat size.
- Requires submittal of full-scale digital images of all plats submitted for filing.
- Substitutes statutory minimum standards and specifications for preparing plats with rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.
- No approval from Planning and Zoning is needed if no new streets or roads are created or new utility improvements are required or new sanitary sewer or approval of a septic tank is required. The surveyor must certify that the plat does not create any new streets or roads, requires no utility improvements and requires no new sanitary sewer lines or septic tanks.