

## Business Biography

Mathews Swift received a BA in Economics from the University of Georgia in 1969 and a Juris Doctor from Walter F. George School of Law in 1972. He practiced real estate law at Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford Law firm in Columbus, Georgia from 1972-1986. In 1986, he became President & COO of the W.C. Bradley Co. – Real Estate Division. Mr. Swift became a Certified Commercial Real Estate Investment Manager in April, 1989 and a Georgia Real Estate Broker in June, 2009. He retired from W.C. Bradley Co. in December 2017.

The W.C. Bradley Co. is a privately owned company headquartered in Columbus, Georgia. Founded in 1885, W.C. Bradley Co. is one of the leading consumer product manufacturing companies in the southeast operating under a wide variety of brands such as CharBroil grills, Zebco fishing equipment, Tiki torches – to name just a few. The real estate division has been apart of the company for over 50 years.

During his 32 years as President of the Real Estate Division, Mr. Swift has developed multiple projects ranging from a 600 acre upscale golf course community; a 500 acre suburban mixed use development; a 200 acre suburban office park; a 100 acre industrial park, and numerous residential subdivisions, etc.

Over the past 20 years, Mr. Swift has primarily focused on the redevelopment of downtown Columbus. During this time Mr. Swift managed properties valued at over 100 million dollars and was part of over a billion dollars invested in the once abandoned urban core.

Mr. Swift's marquee project was the Eagle & Phenix Mill – a mixed use development of converting a 1,000,000 square foot 1800's textile mill into riverfront high rise condominiums, apartments, retail, restaurants, office and specialty uses. As part of this riverfront development, Mr. Swift was an integral part of the Columbus Whitewater initiative – a 30 million dollar project involving the removal of two hydroelectric dams and the restoration of 2.5 miles of Chattahoochee River into what has been labeled as the worlds longest urban whitewater experience.