

GOVERNMENT & ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP DIFFERENTIATORS

- State-wide, collaborative team with experience in nearly every industry affected by government regulation in Florida, making it one of Florida's most comprehensive Government and Administrative Law teams.
- Ranked Tier 1 in Administrative/Regulatory Law in Tallahassee by U.S. News – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms” in 2022. Group attorneys also recognized in *Chambers USA*, *Florida Super Lawyers*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, and *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite.
- Routinely engage and have strong relationships with more than 50 of Florida's state government agencies, as well as many regional, federal, and local government offices. These relationships are critical to crafting preventative and proactive measures for clients, and reacting quickly to solve issues as they arise. View a comprehensive list of agency experience [here](#).
- Our Tallahassee office is strategically positioned at the crossroads of business and government, with convenient access to Florida's state agencies.
- Represent clients before all five of Florida's local water management districts, as well as special districts and state and local boards of education.
- Represent governmental entities at the state and local levels, in addition to representing private parties before Florida governmental agencies.
- Group maintains a rule development monitoring system for various Florida industries to identify opportunities with executive agency rulemaking.
- In-house Director of Government Affairs supports the group to efficiently and effectively provide client solutions within the legislative and executive agency arenas.
- Group involvement and leadership within strategic industry organizations, including:
 - The Florida Bar Administrative Law Section, including leadership on the Executive Council, liaison to The Florida Bar Appellate Court Rules Committee, past chair of the Appellate Court Rules Committee's Administrative and Civil Appeals committees, and regularly author the *Appellate Case Notes* for the Section's Newsletter.
 - The Florida Bar City, County and Local Government Law Section.
 - The Florida Bar CLE Committee, including annually contribute a chapter on environmental agencies to the *Florida Administrative Practice Manual*.
 - The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section.
 - The American Bar Association, including Managing Editor for the Administrative Law Section's quarterly *Administrative & Regulatory Law News*, Executive Council of the Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division and of the Section on Environment, Energy & Resources.
- Group members hold advanced degrees and certifications in numerous subjects that provide depth of understanding of government and administrative law, including:
 - Advanced degrees in Public Administration, Planning, Taxation, Business Administration/Management, and Civil Engineering.
 - Florida Bar Board Certifications in State and Federal Government and Administrative Practice, City, County, and Local Government Law as well as Antitrust and Trade Regulation. For attorneys, board certification is *The Florida Bar's highest level of evaluation of a lawyer's competence and experience in a particular area of practice. To achieve Florida board certification, a lawyer must endure rigorous examination and testing and be evaluated by their peers.*
 - Certifications: Planning, eDiscovery, and Kaizen Process Improvement.

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- Group members are frequent speakers, experts and panellists for in-person and virtual events and webinars including:
 - Regularly present to various Florida agency and government attorneys.
 - Regularly present to various organizations and industry groups.
 - Regularly present at The Florida Bar Administrative Law Section's Pat Dore Administrative Law Conference, and leadership with the Conference Steering and CLE Committees.
 - Led the development of the Florida Licensure component for The Florida Bar's Basic Administrative Law course, which features legal education courses designed to satisfy the Basic Skills Course Requirement for all new lawyers within their first year of practice. View more [here](#).
 - Regularly present during The Florida Bar Administrative Law Section's webinar series.
 - Present annually at the Florida Chamber's Environmental Permitting Summer School.
- Group's timely news updates keep clients informed of significant changes, deadlines, and trends:
 - *Crème de Law Admin* Newsletter includes hot topics, legal updates, lessons learned, and agency happenings.
 - Our online [Executive Order Tracker](#) tool identifies the most recent Executive Orders, explains what kinds of permits may qualify for extensions, and depicts the counties to which they apply.
 - At the height of the pandemic when there were frequent and rapidly-changing government actions, supported the Firm's *COVID Legal Compass*, a weekly newsletter which contained significant pandemic-related government updates and resources to help clients navigate their businesses.
 - Tracked and compiled a comprehensive list of all Florida government agency COVID-related orders and updated regularly into an easy-to-read matrix. See example [here](#).