

LAND DEVELOPMENT, ZONING & ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP DIFFERENTIATORS

- State-wide, multidisciplinary team of attorneys and professionals focused primarily on the Florida marketplace.
- Land Use (Band 1 - highest ranking) and Environment Group consistently ranked in *Chambers USA*, the most highly regarded global publisher of directories that ranks the world's top lawyers and law firms. Group attorneys also recognized in *Chambers USA*, *Florida Super Lawyers*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, and *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite.
- In-house Consultants enhance and support group to efficiently and effectively provide client solutions.
 - In-house Director of Government Affairs: Helps clients formulate and execute strategies to achieve their desired policy goals before the Florida Legislature and Executive branch agencies.
 - Four In-house Planners: Assist clients with real estate due diligence, code enforcement, comprehensive plan and zoning issues, development feasibility analysis, development entitlements/applications, developments of regional impact, project management, expedited permitting, regional/state and federal permitting, takings evaluation, property rights issues, and expert witness services.
 - Technical analysis: Feasibility models, concurrency and mobility/impact fee evaluation, transportation and parking, hurricane evacuation/shelter analysis, FEMA/floodplain analysis and sea-level rise analysis.
 - Policy analysis: Land use needs, compatibility, urban sprawl/greenfield analysis, environmental/coastal, infill/redevelopment and affordable/workforce housing.
 - Plans/regulations: TODs/TNDs, Form-Based Codes, CRAs/Redevelopment Plans, Sector Plans, Special Area Plans, Rural Land Stewardship Areas, Campus Master Plans, Airport Master Plans, Neighborhood Plans, Corridor Plans and Adaptation Plans.
 - In-house Geographic Information System (GIS) Team: Provide comprehensive GIS/mapping services, including data modelling, data conversion and manipulation, spatial analysis, research/forensic mapping, legal description mapping, web mapping, and high-quality visual graphics and exhibits to support due diligence, development projects, site selection, regulatory compliance, public presentations, litigation and other client needs in coordination with our attorneys and planners. Below are examples:
 - [Executive Order Permit Extension Tracker](#): First-of-its-kind tool that explains what kinds of permits may qualify for extensions, identifies the most recent Executive Orders, and depicts the counties to which they apply.
 - [Florida Qualified Opportunity Zone \(QZone\) Map](#): Web-based tool for searching and verifying locations within qualified opportunity zones.
 - State-of-the-art, proprietary work products using data from the Florida Department of Health website, including extremely detailed, searchable, high-definition maps to easily visualize Florida's progress at the height of the pandemic. Weekly Florida [COVID-19 Cases](#), by Zip Code, Weekly [Changes in Number of Florida Cases](#), by Zip Code, and Weekly [Changes in Number of Hospitalizations](#), by County.
 - In-house Real Estate Analysts: Conduct in-depth research and analysis to support tax assessment challenges and provide unique insight on how to address and resolve an assortment of ad valorem taxation issues.

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- Monthly News Updates and Quarterly “What’s Developing” Newsletter keep clients informed of significant legislative changes, initiatives, deadlines, or political, business and development trends that may impact their business.
- High-level experience with major local governments and regional and state agencies:
 - Former Assistant County Attorney for Leon County
 - Former Director of Division of Waste Management at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
 - Former GIS Team Lead for the Northwest Florida Water Management District
 - Former Gubernatorial Fellow at the Florida Department of Community Affairs
 - Former Income Evaluation Specialist at the Miami-Dade County Office of the Property Appraiser
 - Former Legislative Affairs Director for the Florida Department of Health and Legislative Director for a Miami Dade County Commissioner
 - Former managing attorney for the South Florida Water Management District’s Office of Counsel
 - Former Planner for the Town of Fort Myers Beach and the Village of Wellington
 - Former Regional Planning Administrator with the Florida Department of Community Affairs
 - Former senior attorney in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of General Counsel
 - Former South County Planning Manager for Hillsborough County
- Frequent moderators and panellists on a variety of Land Development, Zoning and Environmental topics at annual industry events as well as leadership roles and memberships within key professional organizations:
 - Air & Waste Management Association (AWMA)
 - American Bar Association, Environment, Energy & Resources Section (SEER)
 - American College of Environmental Lawyers (ACOEL)
 - American Planning Association, Florida Chapter (FAPA)
 - Association of Florida Community Developers (AFCD)
 - Chambers of Commerce
 - Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW)
 - Economic Development Councils
 - Florida Association of Environmental Professionals (FAEP)
 - Florida Association of Mitigation Bankers (FAMB)
 - Florida Association of Professional Lobbyists
 - Florida Bar City, County and Local Government Law Section
 - Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section (ELULS)
 - Florida Bar Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section (RPPTL)
 - Florida Brownfields Association (FBA)
 - Florida Farm Bureau
 - Florida Forestry Association
 - Florida Homebuilders Association (FHBA)
 - Florida Limerock & Aggregate Institute (FLAI)
 - Florida Manufactured Housing Association (FMHA)
 - Florida Phosphate Political Committee (FPPC)
 - Florida Planning & Zoning Association
 - Forest Landowners Association
 - Hinkley Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management
 - International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)
 - National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP)
 - Real Estate Investment Council, Inc. (REIC)
 - Seven Hills Regional Users GIS Group
 - Urban Land Institute (ULI)

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