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A founding member of our firm, Steve currently serves in an “of-counsel” capacity. Steve received his Bachelor’s degree in journalism with honors from the University of Florida and earned his Juris Doctor at the Florida State University College of Law.

Steve has over 35 years of experience in the legislative process. His practice has focused on the areas of legislative, governmental, and administrative law. Steve is a former legislative staff member and a former Assistant Attorney General. He was General Counsel of the Florida Home Builders Association from 1976 to 1981 and General Counsel of the Florida Chamber of Commerce from 1981 to 1985.

Steve is a member of the Florida Bar and has been a lecturer on legislative practice and dealing with state agencies. During his career, he has played a major role in a wide range of legislative initiatives including tax issues, health regulations, workers compensation, and judicial, environmental, construction, and growth management issues.

Steve was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve on the Florida Sports Foundation, where he served for eight years, including a term as vice chair. He also served as Chairman of the Task Force on Crime for the Florida Chamber of Commerce. Steve was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the FSU College of Law, and is an honorary member of Florida Blue Key. Steve is a guardian ad litem volunteer advocate and helps manage a mobile food service kitchen for low-income families.

Steve has received the highest “AV” rating from Martindale-Hubbell.



Background

Shareholder Areas Of Practice:

Legislative & Governmental Affairs, Administrative Law, Environmental Law

Bar Admissions:

Florida, 1976

Education:

Florida State University College of Law,
Tallahassee, FL, 1975

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, 1971

B.A. Honors Major: Journalism

Classes/Seminars Taught: Lecturer, Legislative Practice and Growth

Management Topics Honors and Awards:

AV Rating, Martindale-Hubbell

Professional Associations and Memberships:

The Florida Bar, American Bar Association

Tort Reform United Effort (TRUE), 1998 -1999

Executive Director, Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce

Task Force on Crime, Florida Chamber of Commerce

Board of Governors Chairman

Florida Sports Foundation

Board of Directors of FSU Foundations

Florida House of Representative, Committee Staff Director

State of Florida, Attorney General's Office, Assistant Attorney General

Florida Home Builders Association,
General Counsel, 1976-1981

Florida Chamber of Commerce,
General Counsel, 1981-1986