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Overview

Ray Allen has experience in the areas of judicial and administrative litigation, appellate practice, land use law, and environmental and water permitting. As a result of his long history of representing local governments, he is intimately familiar with the inner workings of local governments and has significant relationships with government officials and staff members at the local, state, and federal levels.

Prior to joining the firm, Ray served as the managing attorney of the Land Use Section for the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office in Tampa, Florida. He also previously served as assistant county attorney in Sarasota, Florida, and assistant general counsel for the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation.

Areas of Focus

Practices

- Government Law & Consulting
- Real Estate
- Environmental Regulation & Litigation
- Telecommunications

Industries

- Real Estate
- Telecommunications

- Real Property Litigation
- Public and Private Offerings
- Development
- Government Affairs and Lobbying
- Environmental, Land Use & Development Approvals and Litigation
- Administrative Litigation and Appeals
- Energy and Utilities
- Eminent Domain

Insights

04.29.2016

Hillsborough County Adopts Mobility Fees, Ends Push for Transportation Sales Tax

03.28.2016

Will Hillsborough County Adopt Mobility Fees in April?

06.07.2012

Florida Water Quality Standards in Flux Due to Challenges at Federal and State Level

08.17.2009

Capitol Report - Proposed Storm Water Treatment Rule

01.01.2008

Annual Review of Developments in Business and Corporate Litigation (2008)

News

01.11.2018

Carlton Fields and Firm Client Girl Scouts of West Central Florida, Inc. Finalists for WEDU “Be More” Awards

08.15.2017

78 Carlton Fields Attorneys Named “Best Lawyers in America”

05.31.2017

The Legal 500 Ranks Carlton Fields’ Land Use and Zoning Practice Among the Best in the U.S.

Recognition

- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *The Best Lawyers in America*
 - Land Use and Zoning Law (2016–2024)
 - Tampa "Lawyer of the Year," Land Use and Zoning Law (2016)
- *The Legal 500*, Land Use and Zoning (2015)
- *Chambers USA*, Environmental Law (2007–2009)

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
 - Chair, Land Use and Zoning Committee, Land Use and Environmental Group of the Section of Real Property, Trust, and Estate Law
- The Florida Bar
 - Environmental and Land Use Law Section
 - Administrative Law Section
 - Trial Lawyers Section
- Hillsborough County Bar Association

Speaking Engagements

- “Local Government Law,” CLE International, Tampa, FL (March 3, 2017)
- “Quasi-Judicial Hearings, How to Prepare and Present Your Case,” Annual Land Use Law Conference, Tampa, FL (August 27, 2010)
- “The Infinite Challenges and How to Handle Them,” Annual Land Use Law Conference, Tampa, FL (August 27-28, 2009)
- “Quasi-Judicial Hearings,” Annual Growth Management, Energy, Climate Change, and the Environment Short Course, Daytona Beach, FL (February 18-20, 2009)

- “Environmental and Land Use Considerations for Real Estate Transactions,” Environmental and Land Use Law Section of The Florida Bar (January 26, 2007)
- “Zoning and Development Permits,” Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar (January 26, 2007)
- “Quasi-Judicial Proceedings Before Local Governments,” Litigating Land Use Disputes Annual Conference (December 11-12, 2006)
- “Florida’s Recent Revisions to Growth Management Law,” Westshore Alliance Development Forum (November 14, 2006)
- “First Amendment Law – Billboards,” City, County, and Local Government Law Seminar, The Florida Bar (May 12-13, 2006)
- “Updated Quasi-Judicial Hearings-Pointers for an Effective Presentation” Litigating Land Use Disputes Annual Conference (2005)
- “Challenges to Local Government Development Orders Under Section 163.3215,” Litigating Land Use Disputes Annual Conference (2004)
- “Ethical Considerations: Confidentiality, Competence, Conflicts of Interest and Public Records,” Florida Wetlands and Mitigation Banking Conference (2004)
- “Ethical Issues: What Every Legal Assistant Should Know,” Environmental Law for Paralegals and Legal Assistants Conference (2004)
- “Florida Wetlands and Mitigation Banking,” Ethics Considerations for the Environmental Practitioner Annual Conference (2002)
- “Resolving Land Use Disputes,” Ethics Considerations for the Land Use Practitioner Annual Conference (2002)

Credentials

Education

- University of Miami School of Law (LL.M., 1977)
- Samford University Cumberland School of Law (J.D., 1976)
- University of Florida (B.S., with honors, 1973)

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Background

- Managing Attorney, Hillsborough County Attorney's Office, Hillsborough County, FL (1995-2005)
- Assistant County Attorney, Sarasota, FL (1991-1995)
- Private Practice, Law Firm of H. Ray Allen, P.A. (1983-1991)
- Private Practice, Law Firm of Sireci, Allen, Kelly, and Muldoon (1981-1983)
- Assistant General Counsel, Florida Department of Environmental Regulation (1978-1981)