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## Overview

Pete Winders serves as General Counsel to the firm and has done so since the position was made a full-time assignment in 2000. As such, he advises the firm and its members on legal ethics and professionalism, supervises the firm's educational programs on those subjects, and serves as the chief loss prevention and risk management officer. He has written extensively on matters of ethics and related law firm management issues. Pete is the firm's chief claims counsel and advises the Professional Liability Defense Practice.

Prior to agreeing to serve as the firm's general counsel, Pete practiced with the firm as a litigator, handling a wide variety of business and real property disputes, oil and gas matters, matters relating to corporate governance, and eminent domain matters. In that practice, he has handled matters in each of Florida's appellate courts and each federal district court. The wide variety of litigated matters provide him a sound basis to understand the ethics and practice issues peculiar to each of the firm's practice areas.

## Experience

Pete has litigated in all state and federal district courts in Florida in a wide variety of cases including: commercial and business fraud, antitrust, inverse condemnation, constitutional and statutory interpretation, civil rights, creditors' rights, attorney and accountant malpractice, eminent domain and real property disputes, oil and gas, state and local tax matters, municipal bonds, distributorship and license disputes, land use matters, business torts, banking and financing matters, environmental regulation (including lender liability cases), and probate matters.

## All Insights

10.01.2014    Resolving the Judicial Manager/Judicial Judge Debate: So What Would Help?

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09.24.2014	Resolving the Judicial Manager/Judicial Judge Debate: Theories and Fads of Civil Procedure
09.17.2014	Resolving the Judicial Manager/Judicial Judge Debate: The Effect of Early Issue Resolution
09.10.2014	Resolving the Judicial Manager/Judicial Judge Debate: Axioms and Elements of a Settlement
05.02.2011	Tests for Making Difficult Decisions
12.06.2010	Tough Decisions – or Easy Ones That Half Your Colleagues Will Disagree With
09.25.2009	More 'The Emails' - In-firm Education in Small Doses
06.05.2007	The E-mails - Loss Prevention and Ethics in Small Doses
09.01.2006	An Integrated Law Firm Loss Prevention Matrix
08.01.2005	The Ideal Law Firm Compensation System, the Professional Lawyer
05.23.2005	Law Firm General Counsel - Extravagance or Necessity?
06.01.2004	Law Firm Culture-Its Importance and How to Overcome It
01.01.2003	Unintended Consequences (The Essence of Law Firm Management)

## Recognition

- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Florida Legal Elite, *Florida Trend Magazine* (2004)

## Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- Eagle Scout

## Speaking Engagements

Pete has lectured on a number of subjects, including choice of remedy, Florida oil and gas law, and professionalism.

- "Effective Risk Management and Culture Change," Law Firm General Counsel's Forum, The Hildebrandt Institute, New York, NY (November 15, 2004)
- National Conference on Professional Responsibility, ABA Center for Professional Responsibility (June 2004)

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

- Vanderbilt University Law School (J.D., magna cum laude, 1964)
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  - Phi Beta Kappa
- Vanderbilt University (B.A., cum laude, 1962)

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida

### COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Supreme Court
- 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
- Florida State Courts