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Practice Areas

Appellate Advocacy

Business Litigation

City, County & Local Government Law

Construction Litigation

Stormwater Litigation

Zoning, Planning and Land Use



Summary

1 of only 2 attorneys in Florida board certified in both Business Litigation and City, County & Local Government Law by the Florida Bar

Selected for inclusion in Florida Super Lawyers in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025

Selected for inclusion in Florida Trend's Florida Legal Elite in 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022

AV Preeminent® peer review rated by Martindale-Hubbell® and 10.0 Superb rating from Avvo®

Former Staff Attorney (Law Clerk) to the Honorable Peggy A. Quince at the Florida Supreme Court

Former Senior Associate at 8th largest AmLaw 100 firm at time

Former City Attorney of Palm Bay, the largest city in Brevard County, the 12th largest city in Florida by land area, and the 18th largest city in Florida by population

Qualified Circuit Court Arbitrator by the Florida Supreme Court

Education

The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law

Washington, D.C.

Juris Doctor

2003

Journal of Contemporary Health Law and Policy

❖ Note and Comment Editor

❖ Comment, *Let Him Die with Dignity or Hope for a Cure: The Consequences of Modern Medicine*, published in the Winter 2002 edition.

Moot Court Associate

College of the Holy Cross

Worcester, MA

Bachelor of Arts, Classics Major

1996

Liberal arts education from Catholic Ivy League institution with particular emphasis on Latin, Greek, History and Archaeology from then top-ranked Classics Department in the United States of America.

Experience

Lannon Land Litigation Local Law, PLLC

Orlando, FL

Founder and Equity Partner

April 2018 – Present

Appeals; land use/zoning; business/commercial litigation; construction litigation; stormwater litigation; and city, county & local government law.

Office of the City Attorney

Palm Bay, FL

City Attorney

June 2011 – April 2018

Deputy City Attorney II

November 2008 – June 2011

Serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and City Council as a charter officer responsible for all legal affairs of this Florida municipal corporation with approximately 110,000 residents and 66 square miles of real property, making it the largest city in Brevard County, the 12th largest city in Florida by land area, and the 18th largest city in Florida by population.

Supervise five attorneys, a paralegal, a risk manager, a worker’s compensation adjuster and two administrative assistants.

Manage all outside counsel expenditures and the Office’s overall budget.

Draft, review and amend ordinances, resolutions and contracts.

Twice reviewed and revised portions of the City’s Charter while assisting Palm Bay’s Charter Review Commission.

Established a 501(c)(3) subsidiary corporation for the City of Palm Bay, called Palm Bay Municipal Foundation, Inc., and served as its registered agent.

Merged Risk Management Division into the City Attorney’s Office, improving customer service response times and lowering insurance premium payments, saving the citizenry an average of millions annually as demonstrated below:

2012: \$ 218,777.00;

2013: \$1,252,729.78;

2014: \$ 506,526.81;

2015: \$1,909,545.00;

2016: \$2,108,942.60; and

2017: \$1,722,565.87.

TOTAL: \$7,719,084.06

Brought in-house forfeiture litigation work for the Palm Bay Police Department to save expenditure of Law Enforcement Trust Funds on outside counsel.

Serve as principal litigator and appellate advocate for Palm Bay which has an average annual caseload of greater than 300 cases, notably:

- ❖ Argued an issue of first impression in the Fifth District Court of Appeal and successfully had the issue certified and decided by the Florida Supreme Court as a question of great public importance.
- ❖ Successfully defended two related lawsuits alleging total aggregate damages of \$13.5 million dollars involving complex land use, bankruptcy and contractual issues against a real estate investor.
- ❖ Successfully defended a \$40-million-dollar lawsuit involving land use, utility and code enforcement issues against a real estate developer.
- ❖ Prevailed after a week-long jury trial against a former Parks and Recreation Department employee who sued the City alleging claims of retaliation under both the Florida's Whistle-Blower Act and the Florida Civil Rights Act.
- ❖ Successfully defended a lawsuit filed by a neighboring municipality over utility surcharges levied by the City, the result of which was the City's acquisition of the neighboring municipality's utility system for a nominal cost.
- ❖ Successfully defended the City's Sexual Predator and Offender Ordinance against nine (9) separate constitutional law claims asserted by a registered sex offender at the trial court and 5th DCA twice.
- ❖ Managed a trial team which received a directed verdict in a lawsuit involving the Palm Bay Police Department on a cause of action for negligent entrustment.
- ❖ Successfully defended the City's land use decision on appeal to both the Eighteenth Circuit and Fifth DCA which resulted in the preservation of a \$1 million regional asset used by numerous law enforcement agencies in Central Florida.
- ❖ Managed a trial team which filed suit seeking approximately \$10 million from a prominent public contractor for construction defects due to settling of twin runs of stormwater pipelines causing road depressions to manifest along one of the City's two main arterial roadways.
- ❖ Successfully defended the City's interest in a Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida (Tampa division) which enabled the City to meet its obligations to the Florida Department of Transportation for the construction of the new I-95 interchange at Micco Road with an economic impact to Palm Bay of \$55 million.

Stump, Callahan, Dietrich & Spears, P.A.

Orlando, FL

Associate

June 2007 – October 2008

Handled dozens of matters for private clients at this now-defunct law firm involving bankruptcy and creditor's rights; commercial litigation; and construction litigation, notably:

- ❖ Successfully defended a \$10 million intellectual property case in the Middle District of Florida (Orlando division) on behalf of a boat manufacturer.
- ❖ Successfully procured a \$100,000 judgment for a real estate developer in Florida's 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County.

Holland & Knight LLP

Associate

Orlando, FL

July 2005 – June 2007

Handled hundreds of matters for private clients involving appeals; bankruptcy and creditor's rights; commercial litigation; and construction litigation, notably:

- ❖ Tried a case involving a multi-million dollar claim in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida (Tampa Division) against our client, a multi-billion-dollar fertilizer company.
- ❖ Successfully defended an established Central Florida law firm in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida (Orlando Division) on an attorney's fees claim, saving our client over \$500,000.

Florida Supreme Court

Staff Attorney

Tallahassee, FL

August 2003 – June 2005

Served as a staff attorney (i.e., law clerk) to the Honorable Justice Peggy A. Quince.

Drafted majority opinions, concurrences and dissents.

Drafted oral argument and no request summaries (a.k.a., bench briefs) for the seven justices presenting the factual and procedural history of each case, analyzing the applicable Constitutional provisions, statutes and case law and recommending how each case should be adjudicated.

Drafted jurisdictional memoranda addressing whether the Court should accept a case under its discretionary jurisdiction.

United States Securities and Exchange Commission

Student Observer Program

Washington, D.C.

3rd Year of Law School, Fall Semester

Applied for and selected to be one of a handful of students from law schools around the United States of America to participate in this program.

Assisted with the investigations of alleged online securities violations for the Division of Enforcement's Office of Internet Enforcement.

United States Department of Justice

Intern

Washington, D.C.

2nd Year of Law School, Spring Semester

Worked in the Office of Legal Policy during President George W. Bush's administration.

Assisted with all aspects of the President's judicial nominations, notably Charles Pickering and Priscilla Owen whom the President nominated for the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Certifications

Board Certified in City, County and Local Government Law by the Florida Bar, 2013 – present

Board Certified in Business Litigation by the Florida Bar, 2015 – present

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Qualified Circuit Court Arbitrator by the Florida Supreme Court, 2020 – present

Bar Admissions

State of Florida, 2003

United States Supreme Court, 2017

United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 2005

United States District Court, Northern District of Florida, 2005

United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, 2005

United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, 2005

United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Florida, 2005

United States Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Florida, 2005

United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida, 2005

Programs

National Institute for Trial Advocacy, *Building Trial Skills: Florida*, 2016

National Institute for Trial Advocacy, *Deposition Skills: Florida*, 2016

National Institute for Trial Advocacy, *Business Lawyers in the Courtroom*, 2015

In the Community

Volunteer, Orlando Union Rescue Mission, Family Home (2023 – present)

Volunteer, The Christian Sharing Center, Inc. (2019 – 2022)

❖ Board of Directors (2019 – 2022)

❖ Chair, Governance Committee (2021 – 2022)

Knights of Columbus: Third Degree Member (2004 – present)

Interviewer, College of the Holy Cross (2003 – present)

Leadership Orlando, Graduate of Class 71 (2006)

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AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell®

- ❖ Highest possible rating in both legal ability and ethical standards given by this renowned attorney rating service, 2012 – present.
- ❖ Client Champion Platinum, 2024 – present.

Avvo® 10.0 Superb Rating

- ❖ Highest rating by this lawyer referral service calculated using a mathematical model that considers the information shown in a lawyer's profile, including a lawyer's years in practice, disciplinary history, professional achievements and industry recognition, 2014 – present.

Appellate Top Rated Lawyers of 2018

- ❖ The American Lawyer & Corporate Counsel Magazine

Appellate Top Rated Lawyers of 2017

- ❖ The American Lawyer & Corporate Counsel Magazine

2013 Top Rated Lawyer in Commercial Litigation

- ❖ The American Lawyer & Corporate Counsel Magazine

Organizations

A. FLORIDA BAR

Board of Legal Specialization & Education (BLSE), July 2024 – June 2030

Business Litigation Board Certification Committee, July 2018 – June 2024

- ❖ Chair, 2022 - 2023
- ❖ Vice Chair, 2020-2022

Executive Council of the City, County and Local Government Law Section, May 2015 – October 2018

- ❖ Secretary/Treasurer, May 2017 – October 2018
- ❖ Professionalism and Ethics Committee Chair, July 2016 – October 2018
- ❖ Recipient - Chair Service Award, May 2016

Eminent Domain Committee, July 2015 – May 2018

Governmental and Public Policy Advocacy Committee, August 2016 – May 2018

B. BREVARD COUNTY

Eighteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

- ❖ Appointed by Governor Scott, January 2016 – June 30, 2019

Vassar B. Carlton American Inn of Court, 2012-2016

- ❖ Secretary/Treasurer, 2014 – 2016
- ❖ Recipient - Earl Rogers Award, May 2013

Brevard County Bar Association, 2010 – 2018

Publications

Patricia D. Smith and Andrew P. Lannon, *Local Regulation of Medical Marijuana in Florida*, Florida Bar Journal, November 2017, Vol. 91, No. 9.

Andrew P. Lannon, Peter J. Sweeney, Jr., Patricia D. Smith, Jill E. Jacobs and Wendy L. Fisher, *Risk[y] Business: Transitioning to a Stand-Alone Self-Insurance Program*, 46 Stetson L. Rev. 563 (2017).

Rosalia Contreras and Andrew P. Lannon, *Legislating Local Liberties: Human Rights Ordinances Across Florida*, Florida Bar's City, County and Local Government Law Section's The Agenda, Spring 2016, Vol. XXXVI, No. 2.

Presentations

Appellate Practice (2201726N), St. Lucie County Bar Association, March 4, 2022.

Judge of 2019 Southeast AMTA Mock Trial Tournament, February 2019.

Chair: Sunshine Law, Public Records & Ethics for Public Officers and Employees (2603R), April 2018.

A Local Government Practitioner's Guide to Understanding Ethics Laws and Navigating Your Clients Through Stormy Seas (2603R), Sunshine Law, Public Records & Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, April 2018.

Ethics Training for Elected Municipal Officers, Florida League of Cities, Inc. and Treasure Coast League of Cities, Inc., Indian River Junior College, Fort Pierce, FL, April 2018.

Ethics Training for Opa-Locka Public Employees per Executive Order of Governor Rick Scott, Opa-Locka City Hall, March 2018.

Ethics Training for Elected Municipal Officers, Florida League of Cities, Inc. and Volusia League of Cities, Inc., Edgewater City Hall, February 2018.

Ethics Training for Elected Municipal Officers, Florida League of Cities, Inc. and Volusia League of Cities, Inc., DeBary City Hall, February 2018.

Local Government Lobbying Regulations – Look Who's Talking, Florida Association of County Attorneys Midyear CLE Program, November 2017.

Brevard Business Professionals Law Panel, Greater Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce, Buena Vida Estates, West Melbourne, Florida, September 2017.

What Lies Beneath? Latent Defects in Pipe Construction: A 6-Year Story of Construction Litigation Told from the Trenches (2313R), Florida Bar's City, County and Local Government Law Section's 40th Annual Local Government Law in Florida, May 2017.

Judge of BCBA-sponsored High School Mock Trial Competition, February 2017

Where There's Smoke . . . Use of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for Fire Service (2052R), Florida Bar's City, County and Local Government Law Section's 39th Annual Local Government Law in Florida, May 6, 2016.

When It's Time to Move on. . . Negotiating Severance Agreement Packages for Public Employees, 41st Annual Public Employment Labor Relations Forum (1995R), October 23, 2015.

Ethics Training for Elected Municipal Officers, Florida League of Cities, Inc., Belleview City Hall, June 15, 2015.

Preserving Attorney Fee Issues and Ethical Considerations Representing Local Governments and Local Government Officials, Florida Bar's City, County and Local Government Law Section's 38th Annual Local Government Law in Florida (1863R), May 9, 2015.

Transitioning to a Stand-Alone Self-Insurance Program, Florida Bar's City, County and Local Government Law Section's 38th Annual Local Government Law in Florida (1863R), May 8, 2015.

Issues in Property Law, Vassar B. Carlton American Inn of Court, October 1, 2014.

Electronic Evidence: E-mail, Text & Social Media, Vassar B. Carlton American Inn of Court, February 6, 2013.