

Rhea F. Law

Rhea F. Law practices in the areas of government, environmental and land use. She handles acquisitions, permitting, environmental representation, land use and zoning matters with specific emphasis on commercial, industrial, residential, acquisitions and general counsel for Community Development Districts. She prepares applications for and amendments to Development Orders for Developments of Regional Impact, Florida Quality Developments and establishment and operation of Community Development Districts.

Chair of the Board, CEO and Member: Firm Board of Directors

Representative Experience

- Previously held administrative positions with the University of South Florida managing all research and development grants and contracts
- More than 30 years experience in Government, Environmental, Administrative & Land Use representation

Presentations and Publications

Ms. Law is a frequent Lecturer on Economic Development, Environment and Land Use and Law Firm Management topics.

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar: Chair of Grievance Committee, 1994-1997; Designated for Administrative, Governmental and Environmental Law
- Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers: HAWL of Fame, Lawyer in the Spotlight, 2004
- Hillsborough County Bar Association: Chair, Environmental & Land Use Section 1991-1992
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity: Member, 2010
- Managing Partner Forum: Advisory Committee, 2002-2003, 2004-2005, 2009-2010
- National Association of Industrial and Office Properties: President, Tampa Bay Chapter, 1997; Board of Directors, 1996-present; Chair, Tampa Bay Watch, 1992-present; Chair, Public Affairs 1992-1995
- National Association of Industrial and Office Properties of Florida, Inc.: President, 1998; Vice President/Public Affairs, 1996; Board of Directors, 1992-present
- State of Florida Attorney General's Office: Member of Transition Team, 2002

Community Involvement

- Air Mobility Command Civic Leader Group: Charter Member, 2008-2010
- American Heart Association: Heart Walk Chair, 2004; Heart Walk Logistics Chair, 2001; Tampa Bay Advisory Council, 2001-2008; Leadership Circle, 2001-2008
- Arthritis Foundation: Tribute Chair, Gulfcoast/Southwest Region: 2001
- City of Tampa Development and Review: Advisory Committee, 1995-1997
- Defense Orientation Conference Association: Member, 1997-2003
- Florida Council of 100: Appointed by Governor Bush to Resident Membership, 2003-2011; Board of Directors, 2004-2011; Higher Education Task Force, 2005;



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Practice Areas

Administrative and Legislative Advocacy
Developments of Regional Impact
Energy and Natural Resources
Environmental
Government Contracts
Land Use & Zoning
Real Estate

Industries

Banking and Financial Services
Colleges and Universities
Energy
Green Law
Manufacturing

Education

J.D., With Honors, Stetson University College of Law, 1979 (Executive Editor, *Stetson Law Review*; Phi Delta Phi)
B.A., With Honors, University of South Florida, 1977

Bar Admissions

Florida

Court Admissions

Florida Supreme Court

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- Executive Committee, 2005-2006, 2008-2010; Vice Chair, Growth Leadership Task Force, 2008-2009, Chair, 2009-2010; Chair, DCA Sunset Task Force, 2008-2009
- Golden Triangle Civic Association: Member, 2003-2007
 - Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce: Chair, Committee of 100 Governance Task Force, 2004; Ex Officio, Board of Directors, 2003-Indefinite; Committee of 100, Steering Committee, 2002; Board of Directors, 2001-2002; Chair, Committee of 100, Economic Development, 2001; Director, Board of Governors, 1999; Chair-Elect, Board of Governors, 1998; Treasurer, Board of Governors, 1997; Vice Chair, Business/Community Development, 1996; Director, Board of Governors, 1995-2002; Executive Committee, 1995-2001; Chair, Governmental Affairs, 1995-1996
 - H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute: Member, H. Lee Moffitt Society, 2003-present; Vice Chair, Lifetime Cancer Screening, 2001-2006; Board of Directors, 2000-present; Joint Corporate Compliance Committee, 2000-2004; Member, Joint Nominating Committee, 2000-2006; Chair, 2002-2006
 - Higher Education Access Task Force: Florida Department of Education and Florida Board of Governors, 2005
 - Hillsborough Association of Chambers of Commerce: Board of Directors, 1999
 - Hillsborough County Business Advisory Group (BAG): Member, 2008
 - International Women's Forum Suncoast Chapter: Member, Bylaws Committee, 2003-2008
 - Leadership Tampa Class of 1991; LT Alumni, Member
 - MacDill Airforce Base, Honorary Commander, 6th Air Mobility Wing, 2009-2011
 - National Multiple Sclerosis Society: Honorary Chair, Mid Florida Chapter, Breakfast 2005
 - NCAA Women's Basketball Final Four: Co-Chair, Organizing Committee, 2003
 - Stetson University College of Law: Board of Overseers, 2005-2007, Dean's Circle, 2005-2006
 - Super Bowl XLIII Vice Chair: Host Committee for Super Bowl, 2009
 - Super Bowl XLIII Task Force: 2005
 - Super Bowl XLII Task Force: Vice Chair, 2003
 - Tampa Bay Partnership: Executive Committee Leadership Chair, 2005 and 2006; Advisory Council Chair, 2004; Chair, 2002 and 2003, Vice Chair, 2001; Secretary/Treasurer, 2000; Board of Directors, 1999-present; Executive Committee, 1999-2007
 - Tampa Bay Regional Institute for Public Policy: Board of Directors, 2001-2004
 - University Club of Tampa: President, 2001-2002; Board of Directors, 1998-2005
 - University of South Florida: Chair, 2006-2010; Chapter Honoree for Beta Gamma Sigma, 2005; President's Task Force on Values, Vision, Mission and Goals, 2001-present; Appointed by Governor Bush to Board of Trustees, 2001-2008, Elected Chair, 2006-present; Vice Chair, 2001-2006; Member, Executive Committee, 2001-present; Chair, Health Sciences and Research Workgroup, 2005-2006; Chair, Research and Scholarship Workgroup, 2001-2005; Chair, Fiscal and Governmental Relations Workgroup, 2001-present; Chair, Governance Task Force, 2005; Advisory Board, Public Administration Program, 2000-2001; Law Alumni Association, Founding Member of Board of Directors, 2001; Presidential Search Advisory Committee, 1999; Institute for Environmental Studies, Board of Directors, 1994-2001; Research Foundation, Board of Directors, 1992-1996
 - University of Tampa College of Business: Advisory Board, 1998-2001
 - The Victory Ship: Board of Trustees & Vice Chair, 1999-2001
 - Westshore Alliance: Board of Directors, 2001-2003

Distinctions

AV Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

Ben C. Willard Award, Stetson University College of Law, 2002

The Best Lawyers in America, 2006-2010

Business Woman of the Year, *Tampa Bay Business Journal*, 2004

Business Services Woman of the Year, *Tampa Bay Business Journal*, 2004

Chair's Cup for Excellence in Regionalism, Tampa Bay Partnership; 2006

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Chambers USA, 2004-2009; listed as a leading Zoning/Land Use lawyer in Florida

Florida International University's Center for Leadership and The Commonwealth Institute, Selected as one of the top women business leaders in Florida, 2007-2009

Florida Legal Elite, *Florida Trend Magazine*, 2004-2009; ranked in the top 2% of practicing Florida Bar Members, and one of Florida's Top Managing Partners

Florida Legal Elite Hall of Fame, *Florida Trend Magazine*, 2009; inaugural year for this new category. To be considered, an attorney must have been a Legal Elite winner for each of the past five years

Florida Super Lawyers, 2006-2009; listed as one of the Top 50 Female Lawyers

Florida Trend Magazine; selected as one of the most influential people in Florida, 2004

Joint Civilian Orientation Conference; Selected by Secretary of Defense William Cohen to participate, May 1997

Key to the City, Conferred by the Mayor of Tampa, December 1999

Lawyer of the Year, Tampa Land Use & Zoning Lawyer of the Year for 2010; *Best Lawyers*

The Legal 500, 2007 & 2009, listed as a recommended lawyer in Land Use and Zoning in Florida; 2008, listed as a leading lawyer in Land Use and Zoning in Florida

McNeil Award, Fowler White Boggs Banker, 1995

National Association of Industrial and Office Properties: Hall of Fame, 2009; The Spirit Award, 2000; Special Service Award, 1998, 2001-2003, 2007-2008; Presidents Award, 1995, 2006

Parke Wright III Leadership Award, 2002

Proclamation from Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners, 1999

Proclamation from Florida Senator John Grant for Economic Development, 1998

Recognition for Support of Global Awareness; Presented by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn - Bangkok, Thailand

Richard L. McLaughlin Award; Outstanding Volunteer for Economic Development Throughout Florida, 2002

Service Above Self Award, Rotary Club of Tampa Bay, July 16, 2002

Tampa Bay 100, *Tampa Bay CEO Magazine*, 2009

Tampa Bay's 100 Most Influential Business Leaders, 2009

Tampa Bay Business Women's Hall of Fame, St Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, 2005

Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame, Event Committee Chair, Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame, 2006; Chair, Selection Committee, 2003; Induction, February 2002

Tampa Bay's Business Professional Women: 2009 Woman of the Year

Tampa Bay CEO of the Year, *Tampa Bay CEO Magazine*, 2008

Tampa Bay Women in Business Award, 2000

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Top 50 Women Business Leaders in Florida, The Commonwealth Institute of South Florida, 2008-2009

Volunteer of the Year Award, Southern Economic Development Council, 2002

Who's Who in Business in the Tampa Bay Area; Tampa Bay Business Journal; 2004 and 2005