

## 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, energy 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**  
**USLFG: President**

### 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 & 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
- Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Tampa: Class of 1992
- 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, 1992-2009; 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
- Pasco Economic Development Council (PEDC): Board of Directors, 2011
- State of Florida Attorney General's Office: Member of Transition Team, 2002
- Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation: Chair, 2011; Steering Committee, 2010
- United States Law Firm Group: President, 2012

### Community Involvement

- Air Mobility Command Civic Leader Group: Charter Member, 2008-2010



### CEO and Chair, Board of Directors

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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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- 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
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida: Multicultural Advisory Council
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay: Chair, Kiss A Pig Fundraiser, 2000
- 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; Executive Committee, 2005-2006, 2008-2010; Growth Leadership Task Force, Vice Chair, 2008-2009, Chair, 2009-2010; DCA Sunset Task Force, Chair, 2008-2009
- Golden Triangle Civic Association: Member, 2003-2007
- Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce: Chair, Board of Governors, 1999; Chair-Elect, Board of Governors, 1998; Treasurer, Board of Governors, 1997; 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; 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: National Board of Advisors, 2010-present; Member, H. Lee Moffitt Society, 2003-present; Vice Chair, Lifetime Cancer Screening, 2001-2006; Board of Directors, 2000-2010; Joint Corporate Compliance Committee, 2000-2004; Member, Joint Nominating Committee, 2000-2006; Chair, 2002-2006; Day of Discovery, 2007
- 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; Chair, Economic Development Day and Government Day, January 26, 2011
- MacDill Air Force Base: Chair, MacDill Command Advisory Council, 2011; 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 and 2008
- Stetson University College of Law: Board of Overseers, 2005-2007; Dean's Circle, 2005-2006; Corporate Committee Chair, Cornerstone Campaign
- 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: Chair, 2002 and 2003; Vice Chair, 2001; Secretary/Treasurer, 2000; Executive Committee Leadership Chair, 2005 and 2006; Advisory Council Chair, 2004; Board of Directors, 1999-present; Executive Committee, 1999-2007
- Tampa Bay Regional Institute for Public Policy: Board of Directors, 2001-2004
- Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation: Chair, 2010-2011; Co-Chair, Steering Committee, 2010
- University Club of Tampa: President, 2001-2002; Board of Directors, 1998-2005
- University of South Florida: Appointed by Governor Bush to Board of Trustees, 2001-2007; Reappointed by Governor Charlie Crist, 2007-2012; Chair, 2006-2010; Vice Chair, 2001-2006; Chapter Honoree for Beta Gamma Sigma, 2005; President's Task Force on Values, Vision, Mission and Goals, 2001-present; Member, Executive Committee, 2001-present; Chair, Health Sciences and Research Workgroup, 2005-2006 and 2010-2012; Chair, Research, Innovation, Job Creation and Global Affairs Workgroup, 2011-present; Chair, Fiscal and Governmental Relations Workgroup, 2001-2010; Chair, Research and Scholarship Workgroup, 2001-2005; Chair, Governance Task Force, 2005; Advisory Board, Public Administration Program, 2000-2001; Law Alumni Association; 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

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### Distinctions

**AV Peer Review Rated** by Martindale-Hubbell

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

**The Best Lawyers in America**, 2006-2012; Tampa Land Use & Zoning Lawyer of the Year for 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

**Chambers USA**, 2004-2011; 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 50 women business leaders in Florida, 2007-2009

**Florida Legal Elite**, *Florida Trend Magazine*, 2004-2011; 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*, 2009-2010; To be considered, an attorney must have been a Legal Elite winner for each of the past five years

**Florida Super Lawyers**, 2006-2011; Listed as one of the Top 50 Female Lawyers in 2006, 2008, 2011

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

**Glass Ceiling Award**, The Florida Diversity Council, 2012

**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

**The Legal 500**, 2007 & 2009-2011, 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**, Leadership Tampa 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, Florida Economic Development Council

**Service Above Self Award**, Rotary Club of Tampa Bay, 2002

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**Stetson University College of Law, Hall of Fame Induction, 2008**

**Tampa Bay's 100 Most Influential Business Leaders, CEO Council of Tampa Bay, 2009**

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

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

**Tampa Bay's Business and Professional Women, Woman of the Year, 2009**

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

**Tampa Bay Women in Business Award, 2000**

**University of South Florida President's Fellow Medallion, 2010**

**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**