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CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES
FOR THE
CITY OF EDGEWATER, FLORIDA

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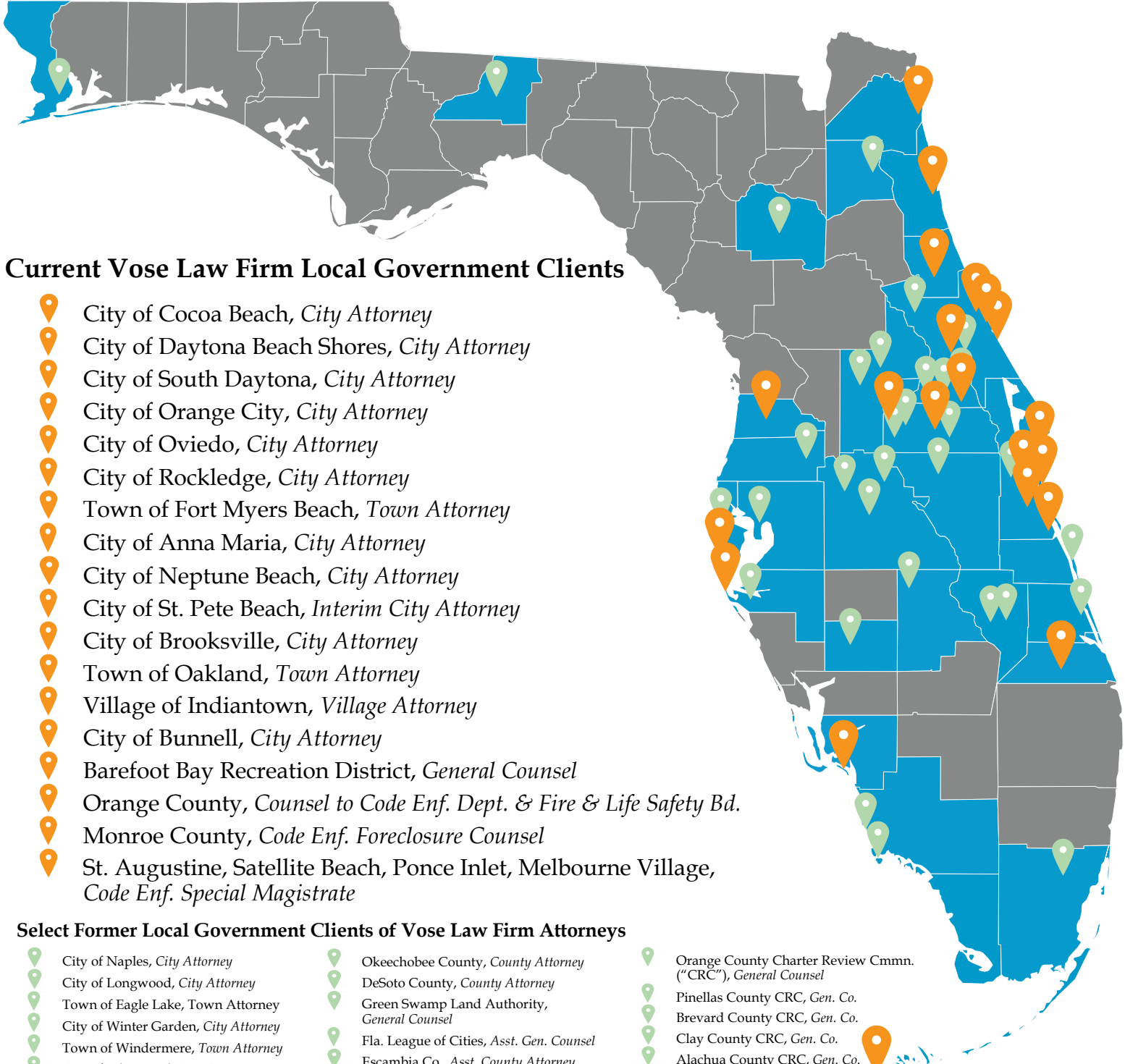


CITY, COUNTY &
LOCAL
GOVERNMENT LAW

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Current & Former Local Government Clients



Current Vose Law Firm Local Government Clients

- City of Cocoa Beach, *City Attorney*
- City of Daytona Beach Shores, *City Attorney*
- City of South Daytona, *City Attorney*
- City of Orange City, *City Attorney*
- City of Oviedo, *City Attorney*
- City of Rockledge, *City Attorney*
- Town of Fort Myers Beach, *Town Attorney*
- City of Anna Maria, *City Attorney*
- City of Neptune Beach, *City Attorney*
- City of St. Pete Beach, *Interim City Attorney*
- City of Brooksville, *City Attorney*
- Town of Oakland, *Town Attorney*
- Village of Indiantown, *Village Attorney*
- City of Bunnell, *City Attorney*
- Barefoot Bay Recreation District, *General Counsel*
- Orange County, *Counsel to Code Enf. Dept. & Fire & Life Safety Bd.*
- Monroe County, *Code Enf. Foreclosure Counsel*
- St. Augustine, Satellite Beach, Ponce Inlet, Melbourne Village, *Code Enf. Special Magistrate*

Select Former Local Government Clients of Vose Law Firm Attorneys

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| City of Naples, <i>City Attorney</i> | Okeechobee County, <i>County Attorney</i> | Orange County Charter Review Cmmn. ("CRC"), <i>General Counsel</i> |
| City of Longwood, <i>City Attorney</i> | DeSoto County, <i>County Attorney</i> | Pinellas County CRC, <i>Gen. Co.</i> |
| Town of Eagle Lake, <i>Town Attorney</i> | Green Swamp Land Authority, <i>General Counsel</i> | Brevard County CRC, <i>Gen. Co.</i> |
| City of Winter Garden, <i>City Attorney</i> | Fla. League of Cities, <i>Asst. Gen. Counsel</i> | Clay County CRC, <i>Gen. Co.</i> |
| Town of Windermere, <i>Town Attorney</i> | Escambia Co., <i>Asst. County Attorney</i> | Alachua County CRC, <i>Gen. Co.</i> |
| City of Edgewood, <i>City Attorney</i> | City of Marco Island, <i>Planning Board Atty</i> | N. Lake County Hospital Board of Trustees, <i>General Counsel</i> |
| City of St. Cloud, <i>City Attorney</i> | Town of Indian River Shores, <i>Special Land Use Counsel</i> | City of Bradenton, <i>Charter Review Counsel</i> |
| Town of Pierson, <i>Town Attorney</i> | City of Miami Lakes, <i>Asst. City Attorney</i> | Lake Co., Hillsborough Co., <i>VAB Magistrate</i> |
| City of Deltona, <i>City Attorney</i> | Sem. Co. Tax Coll., <i>Outside Counsel</i> | City of Ft. Pierce, <i>Special Invest. Counsel</i> |
| City of Dade City, <i>City Attorney</i> | Sun 'N Lake Impr. Dist., <i>General Counsel</i> | Lake County, <i>Land Use Special Magistrate</i> |
| Sem. Co. Supv. of Elect., <i>Gen. Counsel</i> | | |

Proposal for City Attorney Services
City of Edgewater, Florida

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September 11, 2025

Mayor and Town Council Members
City of Edgewater
104 N. Riverside Drive
Edgewater, FL 32132

Re: Proposal for City Attorney Services for the City of Edgewater, Florida

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

It is with pleasure that Vose Law Firm LLP submits this proposal to provide City Attorney Services for the City of Edgewater. The Vose Law Firm is a statewide local government firm with eight local government attorneys, with our primary office in downtown Winter Park. **We currently serve as City/Town/Village Attorney for fourteen (14) municipalities** – Daytona Beach Shores, South Daytona, Orange City, Oviedo, Cocoa Beach, St. Pete Beach, Neptune Beach, Anna Maria, Rockledge, Brooksville, Bunnell, Indiantown, Oakland, and Fort Myers Beach. Lead attorneys for Edgewater would be Becky Vose, Wade Vose, Nancy Stuparich and Garrett Olsen. These lead attorneys include our most experienced, collectively having over 110 years of experience representing governments.

Our law firm is unique. Unlike virtually all other local government law firms, our law firm only represents local governments.

Our firm does not represent developers or clients that sue local governments. We will never be put in the awkward (and damaging) position of appearing one day before a judge espousing pro-developer policies and on the next day espousing contrary policies. We are loyal to our local government clients and will do nothing to damage their interests.

Fixed fee billing – including litigation – providing budgetary certainty, unlimited access to best local government legal talent available!

Our firm typically serves its governmental clients on a fixed fee, all-inclusive basis – **including litigation**. To our knowledge, we are the only local government firm in Florida that includes litigation in its fixed fees. In that way, the interests of our firm are *always* aligned with our client's interests. Unlike some firms that essentially "make their money when their clients get in trouble", we have a financial incentive to keep our clients "out of trouble." But when litigation occurs or is proactively needed, we immediately step in, take aggressive actions that resolve our client's problems in a quick and favorable

manner. Our flat fee arrangement would provide budgetary certainty to the City of Edgewater as to City Attorney expenses, *including most litigation*, while providing unlimited access to the best local government legal talent available.

I. Expertise representing coastal and near-coastal/waterfront municipalities

The attorneys of our firm have extensive expertise in the representation of coastal and near coastal/waterfront municipalities as a result of our history of representing eight coastal and near coastal cities as City Attorney for the Cities/Towns of Anna Maria, Fort Myers Beach, Naples, Cocoa Beach, Daytona Beach Shores, South Daytona, Neptune Beach, and St. Pete Beach.

Representing coastal and near coastal communities takes particular expertise – We have it!

Due to our vast experience representing municipalities throughout the state, we recognize that representing coastal communities is “different” from representing truly inland communities. We represent both – but our first love is for our coastal and near coastal communities. The expertise needed to properly represent a coastal or near coastal municipality is different from, and much broader than that necessary to represent an inland community. A truly excellent municipal attorney representing a coastal community must understand the “different” issues that arise in such areas. Examples of our experience representing our coastal and near coastal cities follow:

Comprehensive Plan and zoning changes – different for coastal and near coastal/waterfront communities – we know!

The Vose Law Firm has been the City Attorney of Cocoa Beach since 2017. Since that time that city has gone through two major comprehensive plan (and charter) re-writes that involved extensive public hearings, public input and even charter amendment referenda to ensure that the changes to the comprehensive plan were in line with the will of the residents of that coastal and tourism-based community. Central to the changes to the comprehensive plan were the major considerations of height, density, and intensity, as well as the extremely important coastal-specific issues related to flood control, lagoon protection, hurricane preparedness, infrastructure issues, docks, lagoon access, parking, traffic, beach management, vacation rentals, evacuation plans, and a plethora of other issues particular to a city located in a tourism intense barrier island. Having an attorney fully aware and attuned to coastal-specific issues will be vital for the successful completion of major comprehensive plan changes by a city like Edgewater.

In addition, our firm is the first permanent Village Attorney for the Village of Indiantown – Florida’s newest municipality. Shortly after the Village of Indiantown was incorporated at the end of 2017, our firm was hired as its first permanent Village

Attorney. Our Managing Partner, Wade Vose, who is Board Certified by the Florida Bar in City, County & Local Government Law, has served as Indiantown's Village Attorney since that time. Because Indiantown was newly formed, it needed to develop and adopt its own comprehensive plan, as well as its own land development regulations. Wade Vose was instrumental in making all that "happen". He likes to say that they "built the plane while they were flying it!"

Experience dealing with the "alphabet" agencies and concepts - we have it!

We have significant experience dealing with Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL) and Erosion Control Line (ECL) issues in our coastal cities. A city attorney representing a coastal municipality must have a good working knowledge of both CCCL and ECL issues (including Customary Use issues), to appropriately serve the municipality, particularly in a time when significant construction is taking place, and decisions must be made as to appropriate approvals.

FEMA compliance issues can truly be a trap for the unwary and a municipal attorney must be ready, willing, and able to address the plethora of FEMA issues that can arise in a coastal municipality. Those issues are vital, because if there are mistakes made as to FEMA floodplain compliance, flood insurance rates (which are almost always required in a coastal area for financing), can skyrocket because of mistakes. In addition, it is important that a municipal attorney be able to assist his/her government in the work needed to receive the maximum amount of FEMA reimbursements available. We have extensive expertise in this area of the law, most recently in the Town of Fort Myers Beach, which is currently recovering from a devastating hit by Hurricane Ian.

When a municipality is attempting to receive necessary permits and coastal permitting through the Florida Department of Environment Protection (FDEP), the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), the Saint Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD), and the other "alphabet" agencies, it is vitally important that the municipal attorney have experience doing that work. We do!

Vacation Rentals / Bert Harris Claims - we have the experience!

Our firm was hired by the City of Anna Maria in 2015 to be City Attorney and take on the dilemma involved with Vacation Rentals that were essentially taking over the city. We drafted one of the very first Vacation Rental Ordinances in the State of Florida, and it has been copied by municipalities all over the state. We also defended the City of Anna Maria in three different court challenges to the newly enacted Vacation Rental Ordinance and won each of the challenges.

Subsequently, our firm defended Anna Maria as to 115 Bert Harris Claim challenges to the restrictions of the Vacation Rental Ordinance. We were able to resolve

every one of those claims without the City of Anna Maria having to pay any damages to any claimant.

We also drafted the first Vacation Rental Ordinance in Cocoa Beach and recently drafted a new noise ordinance dealing with Vacation Rentals. In addition, we recently successfully defended the City of Naples as to its pre-2011 prohibitions of Vacation Rentals in certain zoning districts.

Experience representing cities recovering from hurricanes – we have done it!

The attorneys of our firm also have extensive experience representing municipalities recovering from the devastation of hurricanes. Our firm is the Town Attorney for Fort Myers Beach, which was almost obliterated by Hurricane Ian. Becky Vose and Nancy Stuparich are continuing to guide Fort Myers Beach through its extremely difficult recovery efforts. As City Attorney for Naples, Nancy Stuparich and assisted that City in its recovery efforts from Hurricane Ian.

We are also the City Attorney for Daytona Beach Shores, which was the municipality most severely impacted on the East Coast of Florida by both Hurricanes Ian and Nicole, with severe damage to 93 buildings and 24 high rise hotels and condominiums. Becky Vose has worked with the staff and City Commission of Daytona Beach Shores to implement innovative procedures and processes for the city to work hand in hand with residents and stakeholders in recovery efforts. She has also navigated the difficult funding issues resulting from the damage to that city, and the rebuilding efforts necessitated by the storms.

When Hurricane Irma effectively destroyed the Historic Anna Maria Pier in 2017, (as well as doing significant damage to the entire barrier island city), Becky Vose worked with the Mayor and City Commission of Anna Maria to navigate the difficult process of funding and permitting the reconstruction of the pier, which involved working with the Army Corp of Engineers, the FDEP and other regulatory agencies. FEMA issues as to reconstruction, repairs, compliance, and efforts to keep flood insurance rates down, have been a continuing theme in Anna Maria since 2015 when our firm took over as City Attorney, and Becky Vose has been able to navigate the complex issues involved to assist that city towards recovery. The pier was recently damaged again by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and Becky Vose is continuing to assist Anna Maria in recovery efforts.

Other coastal and near coastal/waterfront legal issues – We have the experience!

We have also extensively worked with our coastal and near coastal/waterfront municipalities as to a panoply of additional coastal legal issues such as beach restoration and renourishment, dealing with issues as to coastal resilience, sea level rise, innovative drainage plans, rain garden easement issues, dock and water access issues, and dune protection. Our depth of field and practical experience representing coastal and near

coastal communities is unparalleled in the State of Florida and would be a great asset to the City of Edgewater. We sincerely hope you will choose our firm as your City Attorney.

II. Representing governmental entities is what we do!

Our firm has deep roots in local government law. Our founder, Becky Vose, began her career as an Assistant City Attorney for Orlando in 1973 after she graduated number 1 in her law school class at the University of Florida, and has continued consistently representing local governments through the present day. Our firm (having morphed through several iterations of firm names) actually began in 1985. From those five decades of experience, we've learned that issues that affect one of our local government clients frequently affect many of them. Our attorneys work in a collegial fashion in which we consistently share best practices and innovate ways to best serve our local government clients. Our firm specializes in Local Government Law, and we only represent governmental agencies.

There will never be a conflict when our firm represents your City!

Local government representation is not a sideline or afterthought for our firm, and our local government clients are the complete focus of our firm. Our firm does not represent developers, vendors, or other commercial interests that might create a conflict with our local government representation. We are strictly a law firm that represents local governments. Importantly, the attorneys of our firm are essentially immune from pressure that might come to bear upon attorneys and firms with mixed or less focused practices.

Fixed fee billing – including most litigation!

Our firm typically serves its governmental clients on a fixed fee, all-inclusive basis – including most litigation. To our knowledge, we are the only local government firm that includes most litigation in its fixed fees. In that way, the interests of our firm are *always* aligned with our client's interests. Unlike some firms that essentially "make their money when their clients get in trouble", we have a financial incentive to keep our clients "out of trouble." But when litigation occurs or is proactively needed, we immediately step in, take aggressive actions that resolve our client's problems in a quick and favorable manner. We don't draw out cases or take unnecessary depositions to run up a bill; rather, we determine the best outcome for our clients and take definitive and proactive actions to resolve litigation quickly and in our clients' best interests.

Due to our offered unique billing arrangement of flat fee billing, there will never be any hesitancy on the part of elected officials or staff to contact our attorneys as to each and every matter in which there may be a legal issue involved. Many municipalities with attorneys who charge an hourly rate can suffer "sticker shock" when unexpected litigation occurs and legal fees get extremely high. Our flat fee structure protects our

governmental clients from such an experience. Having a law firm that does not charge additional fees for litigation can also be extremely helpful in negotiating a resolution of a dispute. When one side of a dispute is not fearful of runaway legal fees, (such as a city with a flat fee attorney contract including litigation), and the other side has such fears, the non-fearful party definitely has a “leg-up” in the negotiations.

We provide COMPLETE legal services to our clients!

The attorneys of our firm provide *complete* legal services to each of our governmental clients. Our expert local government lawyers handle simple and complex litigation of all sorts, transactional matters including, but not limited to all manner of conveyances, leases, easements, road vacations, title insurance, and closings, comprehensive representation as to development matters, zoning, comprehensive plans, platting, development agreements, ordinances and resolutions, labor and employment, TRIM compliance, eminent domain, code enforcement, CRA representation, historic preservation, vacation rental regulation, environmental law issues, general aviation airport legal issues, public works issues, contract drafting and review – the list goes on and on.

In fact, **included with this proposal under “Specific Municipal and other Local Government Experience by Topic” is a 15 page single spaced listing of examples of some of the legal services we have provided our governmental clients over the years.** With approximately 125 cumulative years of our attorneys representing local governments, there is little, if anything, we have not handled.

24/7/365 Availability

Our attorneys are available 24/7/365. If one or more of our attorneys are ill or on vacation, the other equally qualified attorneys of our firm are ready, willing, and able to step up and provide legal services as needed. Utilizing our firm as City Attorney is truly the equivalent of an in-house multi-attorney legal department with paralegal support, without the expenses that would otherwise be associated with such a legal department.

We have the depth of field to handle all your legal work

We have learned in our extensive experience representing governmental entities that the need for legal services does not always happen in a predictable, uniform pace for our clients. There are times when the legal needs of an individual client are intense and multitudinous, and at those times, we have the depth of field and resources to assign multiple attorneys to one client at the same time to address and resolve all the pending issues. You can rest assured that our firm is ready, willing and able to assign the appropriate attorneys to address all the issues of the City of Edgewater in a successful and timely manner.

Introducing the team of lawyers who will primarily represent Edgewater!

Founding Partner Becky Vose has continuously practiced local government law for the last 51 years, after graduating number one from her law school class at the University of Florida Law School. Becky is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell. Throughout her career, Becky has served as City Attorney for the cities/towns of Cocoa Beach, Daytona Beach Shores, Fort Myers Beach, Anna Maria, Brooksville, Oakland, Naples, Deltona, Winter Garden, Longwood, Windermere, Eagle Lake, St. Cloud, and Edgewood.

Wade Vose is the managing partner of the Vose Law Firm and has continuously practiced local government law for the last 21 years. Wade is Board Certified by the Florida Bar in City, County and Local Government Law, and is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell. Wade serves as City Attorney for the City of South Daytona, City Attorney for the City of Rockledge, City Attorney for the City of Oviedo, and Village Attorney for the Village of Indiantown (Florida's newest municipality). Throughout his career, Wade has also served as County Attorney for Okeechobee County, City Attorney for the City of Bunnell, Town Attorney for the Town of Pierson, Chief Assistant City Attorney for the City of Deltona, Special Magistrate for Satellite Beach, General Counsel to the Seminole County Tax Collector, General Counsel to the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections, and General Counsel to a total of eight (8) County Charter Review Commissions in five (5) different charter counties, in addition to a range of other specialized representation statewide.

Nancy Stuparich has been practicing law for 37 years and is the current City Attorney of Fort Myers Beach. Nancy formerly served as City Attorney of Naples, City Attorney of Dade City, County Attorney of DeSoto County, Assistant County Attorney of Escambia County, and Assistant General Counsel to the Florida League of Cities. Nancy is both a lawyer and a Planner with a Masters Degree in Planning from Florida State University. She is also Certified as a Labor Relations Professional by the Florida Public Employers Labor Association, and she is Designated a FRA-Redevelopment Professional by the Florida Redevelopment Association.

Garrett Olsen has exclusively practiced local government law for nearly five years with the Vose Law Firm and has served as the General Counsel for the Barefoot Bay Recreation District since 2022. Garrett currently serves as back-up City Attorney to attend and provide legal advice at city commission and city council meetings in the cities of Bunnell, Cocoa Beach, South Daytona, Daytona Beach Shores, Brooksville, Indiantown and Oviedo. He also was the primary back-up County Attorney for Okeechobee County where he also represented the planning board, board of adjustments and appeals, and construction industry licensing board. He also is the attorney for numerous planning and zoning boards, boards of adjustment and appeals, community redevelopment agencies, and code enforcement boards for the cities of Cocoa Beach and Rockledge and is the Special Magistrate for the Town of Melbourne Village. Garrett previously served as

the General Counsel for the Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District. Prior to joining the Vose Law Firm, Garrett worked at a large law firm handling commercial and construction litigation matters.

Our philosophy of local government representation

Our firm is highly proactive in minimizing our governmental clients' legal exposure. In addition, the attorneys of our firm have the highest degree of professionalism and ethics, and we always work closely with elected officials and staff in recognizing and solving problems. Not only is minimizing our clients' legal exposure best for our municipal clients, but it is absolutely necessary from our firm's standpoint since **our firm typically represents its municipalities on a fixed fee all-inclusive basis, including most litigation.**

The attorneys of our firm understand that a municipality that has a reputation of vigorously defending its interests will be the object of fewer lawsuits. Therefore, our firm strives to maintain the delicate balance of providing legal advice that serves the best interests of the municipality while avoiding unnecessary litigation. But if litigation becomes necessary, the Vose Law Firm vigorously provides a strong and effective offense or defense as needed. It is our firm's belief that our best interests are inexorably tied to the best interests of our clients. **If our clients benefit, so do we!**

Means and methods of litigation

Our firm uses completely different means and methods of representing our clients in litigation than are typical with firms that charge by the hour.¹ Instead of the typical practice of law firms filing repetitive motions, memoranda of law, unproductive discovery, and having repeated hearings, all resulting in high hourly billings,² our firm takes a different tack in litigation. When faced with litigation, we first analyze the case fully, do the appropriate legal research and determine a strategy that will result in an early "kill shot" that dispenses with the litigation, or, if that is not feasible, we devise a strategy leading to a quick and successful trial.

Occasionally our local governmental clients decide that instituting litigation is important for their interests, and our litigation strategies also greatly benefit our clients in those situations. Rather than "litigating a case to death" as is so often the case when litigation is billed by the hour, **our attorneys devise an effective and quick strategy to obtain our client's desired results in the most expeditious manner possible.** This not only achieves our client's goals quickly, but also minimizes the distraction and time

¹ It should be noted that Becky Vose of our firm was an equity partner of the large Miami-based law firm of Shutts & Bowen for 10 years, and Nancy Stuparich was formerly an attorney with the Weiss Serota law firm, so we are very familiar with typical litigation practices when legal work is billed by the hour.

² When these strategies are used by both sides in litigation, with both sides billing hourly for their work, it is sometimes referred to by attorneys as "doing the dance".

consuming work often imposed upon other city staff and elected officials during the pendency of litigation.

Examples of our successful litigation strategy

An example of our firm's litigation strategy that greatly benefitted a former local government client of the Vose Law Firm was demonstrated in the *Manji v. City of Deltona* case. When the Vose Law Firm became the city attorney of Deltona, (a city with a population of over 87,000), the firm inherited numerous lawsuits. One of those cases was the *Manji* case, which was an inverse condemnation action in which there was a multimillion dollar claim of damages against the city. The case had been pending for seven years, and five different attorneys had worked on it for the city. Sadly, there had been little substantive progress on the case during that time, even though hundreds of thousands of dollars had been paid to the city's attorneys for the litigation. The files for the case filled 14 banker's boxes containing massive amounts of court filings, research paperwork, notes, deposition transcripts, and discovery materials.

After thoroughly reviewing the case, doing the appropriate legal research, and talking with the City Manager, the Vose Law Firm recommended noticing the case for trial, and at the same time making an offer of judgment of \$50,000. This was approved by the City Commission. The offer of judgment was declined by the plaintiffs and Becky Vose tried the case two months later in a two-day bench trial. The city won the case, and the court found that the city had no liability whatsoever. The Vose Law Firm then filed a motion to assess fees and costs against the plaintiffs based on the offer of judgment, and at mediation of that motion, **the plaintiffs agreed to pay the City of Deltona \$100,000.** Soon after this successful result, virtually all the other cases that had been languishing under previous Deltona city attorneys were quickly and advantageously resolved by the Vose Law Firm through negotiation and mediations. It should be noted that although the City of Deltona had been for many years a virtual "punching bag" for litigation, once the word went out in the legal community that the city's attorney would not "do the dance", future litigation essentially went away.

It is our sincere belief that our firm's means and methods of litigation, which result in excellent results in a short time frame, are in the best interests of our local government clients. **Our litigation strategies and our fixed fee billing, including most litigation, would benefit the City of Edgewater greatly.**

There would be no additional billing for any ancillary legal services, research expenses (such as Westlaw/Lexis fees), travel or miscellaneous expenses, (phone, fax, courier, etc.) and no other costs or expenses, (other than the pre-approved out of pocket expenses mentioned in the next paragraph), that would be billed separately. There would be no other expenses or fees charged, regardless of the time needed or complexity involved in any legal matter.

Pre-approved out of pocket costs, (such as court filing fees, and court reporter fees), would be billed at cost, with no mark-up or multiplier. There would be no separately billed copying charges.

Budgetary predictability - unlimited access to best local government legal talent available

Our flat fee arrangement would give budgetary predictability as to the City Attorney expenses of the City, including most litigation, while providing unlimited access to the best local government legal talent available in the state.

Hiring our firm on a flat fee is truly the equivalent of having a large in-house legal staff at a small fraction of the cost. From our experience, litigation cannot always be avoided, and sometimes litigation is needed to proactively protect the best interests of the municipality. Those are the times when legal expenses can get out of hand if the municipality is paying for its legal services by the hour. Our clients believe that it is a wise choice to pay a flat fee that includes litigation each month to ensure budgetary predictability and prevent the frightening experience of out-of-control legal costs. **This arrangement would take the fear of litigation costs out of the equation when third parties threaten litigation if the City does not meet the demands of that third party.**

The attorneys of our firm will truly become a part of the City of Edgewater.

The attorneys of the Vose Law Firm have realized over the years that a flat fee arrangement results in more frequent contact between the attorneys on one side, and the staff and elected officials on the other, which almost always results in less “false starts,” and unintentional legal errors by government staff. The end result in having the municipality’s lawyers involved in projects and work from the very beginning, is that litigation is avoided, and legal work to “fix” a problem is kept to a minimum. The attorneys of the Vose Law Firm wish to truly be a part of the City of Edgewater and work diligently to keep the City out of trouble and ensure the smooth running of the City without unnecessary litigation or problems.

The Vose Law Firm has a fast paced and active practice; however, rest assured that we have the time, ability, desire, commitment, and passion to provide prompt, high quality legal services to the City of Edgewater as its City Attorney at an affordable price. We would be honored and thrilled to provide City Attorney services for the City of Edgewater, and the attorneys of the Vose Law Firm are ready, willing and able to immediately take over the representation of the City.

At any time, the full resources of the Vose Law Firm would be available to the City of Edgewater for one reasonable, flat monthly payment. That includes the active involvement and representation by eight (8) highly experienced and competent local government, land development, and litigation attorneys of the firm. The depth of field

and legal expertise as to local government, land use, and litigation representation will be the best available in Florida.

Because of our extensive local government, and coastal and near coastal/waterfront land use experience, we believe that we would be an ideal law firm to represent the City of Edgewater as its City Attorney. Our preferred “all inclusive” fee arrangement, including litigation, would result in budgetary predictability as to legal services, as well as unlimited access to eight (8) expert local government lawyers.

We are used to taking over the legal representation of a municipality upon a moment’s notice, without the municipality or the firm missing a beat. We assure you that if chosen, we will perform the City of Edgewater’s legal work in a timely and professional manner, and you will be exceptionally satisfied with our legal services.

The point of contact for this proposal is Becky Vose, available by cell phone at 407-448-0111, and by email at bvose@voselaw.com. Thank you in advance for your review and consideration of our proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wade C. Vose', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Wade C. Vose, Esq.
Managing Partner

VOSE LAW FIRM'S EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS



Brief History and Introduction to the Vose Law Firm

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Over the decades, our attorneys have provided legal counsel to **over one hundred (100) Florida local governmental entities**, including holding the position and **serving as City Attorney, Town Attorney, Village Attorney, County Attorney, and General Counsel for over thirty (30) different Florida local governments**. Our firm is **rated AV Preeminent** by Martindale-Hubbell, and our firm has been listed in the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers.

A list of our current local government clients and selected former clients of firm attorneys can be found on the **Map of Current and Former Local Government Clients on Page 2** of this Proposal, and in the section entitled **Specific Municipal and other Local Government Experience by Topic**, running from **Page 23 through Page 37** of this Proposal.

The attorneys of our firm (all of whom are Members in Good Standing of the Florida Bar) are Wade Vose, Becky Vose, Nancy Stuparich, Paul Waters, Garrett Olsen, Stephanie Velo, Chloe Berryman, and Taylor Simonds. Our firm was originally created in 1985 as Gretchen R. H. Vose, P.A., and morphed through several different names and corporate forms. The firm is now known as Vose Law Firm LLP.

We currently serve as City Attorney, Town Attorney, or Village Attorney for fourteen (14) municipalities throughout the State of Florida. We currently serve as City/Town/Village Attorney for **Daytona Beach Shores, South Daytona, Orange City, Cocoa Beach, St. Pete Beach, Oviedo, Neptune Beach, Anna Maria, Rockledge, Brooksville, Bunnell, Indiantown, Oakland, and Fort Myers Beach**. We also serve as General Counsel to a large independent special district, and we provide specialized legal services to Monroe County (the "Florida Keys"), Orange County, and Pinellas County.

Lead attorneys for Edgewater would be Wade Vose, Becky Vose, Nancy Stuparich, and Garrett Olsen. These lead attorneys are some of the most experienced of all the attorneys of our firm, collectively having over 110 years of experience representing governments. A short summary of the local government experience of our lead attorneys follows, and complete information about their experience is included in their resumes set forth later in this Proposal.

Wade Vose is the managing partner of the Vose Law Firm and has continuously practiced local government law for the last 21 years. Wade is Board Certified by the Florida Bar in City, County and Local Government Law, and is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell. Wade serves as City Attorney for the City of South Daytona, City Attorney for the City of Rockledge, City Attorney for the City of Oviedo, Village Attorney for the Village of Indiantown (Florida's newest municipality), and Special Magistrate for the City of Satellite Beach. Throughout his career, Wade has also served as County Attorney for Okeechobee County, City Attorney for the City of Bunnell, Town Attorney for the Town of Pierson, Chief Assistant City Attorney for the City of Deltona, Counsel to the Pinellas County Redistricting Board, Counsel to the Pinellas County County Attorney Oversight Committee; Counsel to the Seminole County Tax Collector's Office, Counsel to the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections' Office, and General Counsel to a total of eight (8) County Charter Review Commissions in five (5) different charter counties (Orange – 2011-2012, 2015-2016, 2023-2024; Pinellas – 2015-2016, 2023-2024; Brevard – 2015-2016; Clay – 2018; Alachua – 2019-2020), in addition to a range of other specialized representation statewide.

Founding Partner Becky Vose has continuously practiced local government law for the last 51 years, after graduating number one from her law school class at the University of Florida Law School. Becky is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell. Becky has held the position of City Attorney for fifteen (15) cities – Naples, Cocoa Beach, St. Pete Beach, Daytona Beach Shores, Fort Myers Beach, Anna Maria, Brooksville, Winter Garden, Edgewood, Longwood, Windermere, Oakland, Eagle Lake, St. Cloud, and Deltona. She has done major work for Orange County government on matters ranging from complex environmental litigation to the defense of §1983 Civil Rights claims. Becky also represented the Orange County Property Appraiser in a multi-year complex intellectual property lawsuit about the software utilized by the Property Appraiser's office. She also held the positions of General Counsel to the North Lake County Hospital Board of Trustees and the Green Swamp Land Authority. Becky has taught at numerous continuing legal education seminars to other attorneys and has regularly presented instructional sessions for employees and officials of governmental clients. In 1980, Becky opened the Orlando branch office of Shutts & Bowen, where she served as its first managing partner and chairperson of its Real Estate Department.

Nancy Stuparich has been practicing law for 37 years and is the current Town Attorney for the Town of Fort Myers Beach. Nancy formerly served as **City Attorney**

for the City of Naples, City Attorney for Dade City, Town Attorney for the Town of Oakland, City Attorney for the City of Brooksville, County Attorney for DeSoto County, Assistant County Attorney for Escambia County, and Assistant General Counsel to the Florida League of Cities. Nancy is both a lawyer and a planner with a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Florida State University, and a Masters Degree in Public Administration. She is also Certified as a Labor Relations Professional by the Florida Public Employers Labor Association, and she is designated an FRA-Redevelopment Professional by the Florida Redevelopment Association.

Garrett Olsen has exclusively practiced local government law for nearly five years with the Vose Law Firm and has served as the General Counsel for the Barefoot Bay Recreation District since 2022. Garrett currently serves as back-up City Attorney to attend and provide legal advice at city commission and city council meetings in the cities of Bunnell, Cocoa Beach, South Daytona, Daytona Beach Shores, Brooksville, Indiantown and Oviedo. He also was the primary back-up County Attorney for Okeechobee County where he also represented the planning board, board of adjustments and appeals, and construction industry licensing board. He also is the attorney for numerous planning and zoning boards, boards of adjustment and appeals, community redevelopment agencies, and code enforcement boards for the cities of Cocoa Beach and Rockledge and is the Special Magistrate for the Town of Melbourne Village. Garrett previously served as the General Counsel for the Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District. Prior to joining the Vose Law Firm, Garrett worked at a large law firm handling commercial and construction litigation matters.



Approach to Providing Legal Services to the City of Edgewater

“When our clients succeed, so do we!”

The most important services a City attorney can provide are: i) timely, accurate and thorough legal services that meet the needs of the City; ii) proactive resolution of pending claims to prevent future claims against the City; and iii) to creatively formulate legal strategies to accomplish the goals of the City Council. There are a myriad of ways to accomplish these goals, and the attorneys of the Vose Law Firm are skilled in achieving excellent results for their clients, and in keeping their clients out of unnecessary litigation.

Our firm uses a collaborative approach to legal services.

One way that the attorneys of the Vose Law Firm ensure timely, accurate, and thorough legal services for their clients is the use of a collaborative approach to the rendering of services. The attorneys and paralegals of the firm have regular weekly meetings to discuss pending issues and cases. As new issues arise, informal meetings are held daily to discuss them again. In this way, at any one time, more than one attorney in the firm is fully cognizant of outstanding issues. In the unlikely event that the attorney who is primarily responsible to a client is unavailable to deal with an emergency, there will always be a back-up attorney to provide the needed services. Opinions rendered by the attorneys of the firm are typically reviewed by another attorney in the firm before such opinion is issued.

If chosen to represent the City of Edgewater, we propose that the Vose Law Firm would be named City Attorney, with **Becky Vose, Wade Vose, Nancy Stuparich and Garrett Olsen collaborating in the representation of the City.** These lead attorneys are some of the most experienced attorneys of our firm, and they each have extensive experience representing cities.

The collaborative approach to City Attorney services proposed for the City of Edgewater is the same manner and approach utilized by our firm in its representation of its other local government clients. It is common that similar issues arise in multiple local governments, and our clients benefit, both financially and substantively from the collaborative representation by multiple attorneys in our firm. This collaborative approach to our representation of local government clients has historically worked extremely well to ensure uninterrupted, thorough, and expert representation of our local government clients. The axiom, “two heads are better than one,” is almost always true, and eight heads are even better!

We understand that we work *for* the City Council.

When our firm represents a city, we work *for* the City Council, and we work *with* the city manager and city staff. In virtually all the local governments we represent we have an extremely cordial and positive relationship with *both* the elected governing body and the government staff. Our work is easier, and results are better, when the City Attorney, the City Manager, and staff work harmoniously, but rest assured, we understand that we work *for* the elected officials.

We also understand that we are not members of the City Council – no one voted for us. Our personal policy preferences (even if we have any, which we usually do not) never influence our legal advice. All the attorneys of our firm are friendly and work well with others, but we are extremely strong willed when someone attacks or sues one of our clients. We only represent local governments, so we do not have to worry about divided loyalties when dealing with local businesses or developers.

We are dedicated to formulating creative legal strategies to accomplish the City Council's goals.

We also understand that our job is not to be the ones who say “no” all the time. We’ve seen it time and again in interactions between council members or staff and their attorney, where the attorney, unhelpfully, just says “no, we can’t do that” or “no, that’s illegal,” without helping to find an alternative.

Rather, our job, as we see it, is to creatively, insightfully, help you come up with a way to accomplish your goals. Often, we find that folks may have a goal they want to achieve, and also an idea about how to get there. Sometimes the way they think of getting there has some legal problems or risks, or sometimes it is outright illegal. But we see it as our job to see where you’re trying to get, and creatively say “we can’t get there this way, but we can get there this way or this way,” and then the goal you’re trying to accomplish would be legally defensible and on a much more secure footing.

When you need us, we *will* be there.

The attorneys of our firm are available to our clients at all hours and days, including weekends, holidays and evenings. We know that when our clients need us, we have to be available – and we are. All the attorneys of our firm always keep their cell phones available and turned on (except when muted during meetings). We also monitor our emails regularly.

Recently, Nancy Stuparich answered a quickly set up conference call relating to an emergency that had just occurred in one of our cities. Nancy answered the call even though she was on vacation out of state. After several minutes of discussing the situation,

Becky Vose, who was also on the conference call, noticed a persistent whistling sound on the phone. Becky asked what the sound was and Nancy, who is a tri-athlete, responded that she had answered the call at about mile 11 of a marathon that she was running. She had been fully participating in the conference call, making excellent recommendations to our client, while running a marathon. That is an example of the energy and enthusiasm our firm brings to our clients.

At any time, the full resources of the Vose Law Firm will be available to the City of Edgewater. That includes the active involvement and representation by eight (8) highly experienced and competent local government attorneys of the firm. **The depth of field and legal expertise as to local government representation that will be available to the City of Edgewater from the Vose Law Firm is the best available in Florida.**

We *only* represent local governments, not developers or vendors.

It is common for law firms to have several lawyers who sometimes represent local governments, while those same lawyers, and other lawyers in the same firm, also represent private clients. Those private clients often include clients that sue local governments, or that have direct dealings with local governments, such as developers or vendors. Those firms cannot help but have conflicts and divided loyalties.

Our firm is completely different because we *only* represent local governments. We do not represent clients that sue local governments. We also do not represent developers or vendors with interactions with local governments. We are extremely careful not to create situations in which our firm has a conflict with any of our local government clients. If chosen as City Attorney for the City of Edgewater, our loyalty will never be divided.

The City of Edgewater would receive our firm's highest priority, and we have the skills and availability to fully accommodate the City's work.

The Vose Law Firm has a fast paced and active practice; however, rest assured that we have the time, ability, and passion to provide prompt, high quality legal services to the City of Edgewater. Because of our extensive history performing City Attorney work, the attorneys of the Vose Law Firm have a thorough understanding of the scope of work that will be required of the City Attorney for the City of Edgewater. Because we look to the long term while representing local governments, and because of our fixed fee arrangement with our clients, we will strive to keep the city out of trouble and proactively work with the city for the mutual benefit of the city and our law firm. **Again, when our clients succeed, so do we!**

No limit on services we provide for flat fee

We have learned in our extensive experience representing governmental entities that the need for legal services does not always happen in a predictable, uniform pace for

our clients. There are times when the legal needs of an individual client are intense and multitudinous, and at those times, we have the depth of field and resources to assign multiple attorneys to one client at the same time to address and resolve all the pending issues. You can rest assured that our firm is ready, willing and able to assign the appropriate attorneys to address all of the issues of the City of Edgewater in a successful and timely manner.



Specific Municipal and other Local Government Experience by Topic

General Legal Services Performed for other Local Government Clients

The attorneys of the Vose Law Firm regularly attend meetings and advise City/County Councils/Commissions, as well as other boards, including but not limited to CRA, Planning and Zoning, Code Enforcement, for each of the governmental entities that we represent. We strive to get out in front of issues and encourage open communication and dialogue from government administration and board members. The Vose Law Firm regularly advises clients on the following matters:

- *Attendance and legal representation at County Commission, City Council, City Commission, and other board meetings*
- *The "Sunshine Law"*
- *The "Public Records Law" (sometimes referred to as FOIA)*
- *The ethical standards of elected and appointed officials and employees*
- *Home Rule*
- *Exercise of police power*
- *Practices and procedures of local governments*
- *Legislative vs. Quasi-judicial matters*
- *Voting conflicts*
- *Full and public disclosure of financial interest*
- *Parliamentary Procedures*
- *Other matters relating to public service as an elected official*
- *All other areas of municipal law*

The Vose Law Firm and its attorneys have provided such counsel to the myriad of local governmental agencies represented by them over the years when holding the following positions:

- 1) City Attorney, City of Naples, Florida
- 2) City Attorney, Cocoa Beach, Florida
- 3) City Attorney, St. Pete Beach, Florida
- 4) City Attorney, Anna Maria, Florida
- 5) City Attorney, South Daytona, Florida
- 6) City Attorney, Daytona Beach Shores, Florida
- 7) City Attorney, Orange City, Florida
- 8) City Attorney, Brooksville, Florida

- 9) City Attorney, Oviedo, Florida
- 10) City Attorney, Neptune Beach, Florida
- 11) City Attorney, Rockledge, Florida
- 12) City Attorney, Dade City, Florida
- 13) City Attorney, Deltona, Florida
- 14) City Attorney, Edgewood, Florida
- 15) City Attorney, St. Cloud, Florida
- 16) City Attorney, Eagle Lake, Florida
- 17) City Attorney, Longwood, Florida
- 18) City Attorney, Winter Garden, Florida
- 19) City Attorney, Bunnell, Florida
- 20) County Attorney, Okeechobee County, Florida
- 21) County Attorney, DeSoto County, Florida
- 22) Village Attorney, Indiantown, Florida
- 23) Town Attorney, Fort Myers Beach, Florida
- 24) Town Attorney, Windermere, Florida
- 25) Town Attorney, Oakland, Florida
- 26) Town Attorney, Pierson, Florida
- 27) General Counsel to the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections
- 28) General Counsel to the Seminole County Tax Collector
- 29) General Counsel to the Pinellas County County Attorney Oversight Committee
- 30) Special Counsel to City of Indian River Shores to rewrite Land Development Code
- 31) Assistant City Attorney Marco Island, Florida
- 32) Assistant City Attorney Miami Lakes, Florida
- 33) City Prosecutor for City of Orlando
- 34) City Prosecutor for City of Edgewood
- 35) City Prosecutor for City of Winter Garden
- 36) City Prosecutor for the City of St. Augustine
- 37) Counsel to the City of Bradenton as to Charter matters
- 38) General Counsel to 2024 Orange County Charter Review Commission
- 39) General Counsel to 2024 Pinellas County Charter Review Commission
- 40) General Counsel to 2016 Orange County Charter Review Commission
- 41) General Counsel to 2016 Pinellas County Charter Review Commission
- 42) General Counsel to 2016 Brevard County Charter Review Commission
- 43) General Counsel to 2018 Clay County Charter Review Commission
- 44) General Counsel to 2020 Alachua County Charter Review Commission
- 45) Counsel to the Pinellas County County Attorney Oversight Committee
- 46) Counsel to the 2021 Pinellas County Redistricting Board
- 47) Counsel to the City of Cocoa Beach Charter Review Committee
- 48) Counsel to the City of Bunnell Charter Review Committee
- 49) Counsel to the City of Deltona Charter Review Committee
- 50) Counsel to the Dade City Charter Review Committee
- 51) Counsel to the City of Longwood Charter Review Committee

- 52) Counsel to the City of Winter Garden Charter Review Committee
- 53) Counsel to the City of St. Cloud Charter Review Committee
- 54) Counsel to the Town of Pierson Charter Review Committee
- 55) Counsel to the Town of Oakland Charter Review Committee
- 56) Counsel to the Town of Edgewood Charter Review Committee
- 57) Counsel to City of Orlando Civil Service Board
- 58) Counsel to Eagle Lake Planning and Zoning Board
- 59) General Counsel for Green Swamp Land Authority
- 60) Special Counsel to City of Ocoee
- 61) Counsel to the City of Cocoa Planning and Zoning Board
- 62) Counsel to City of St. Cloud Planning and Zoning Board
- 63) Counsel to the City of Naples
- 64) Counsel to the Escambia County Planning Board
- 65) Special Counsel to City of Casselberry
- 66) Counsel to the City of Cocoa Beach CRA
- 67) Counsel to City of Orlando Historic Preservation Board
- 68) Counsel to the City of Deltona Collective Bargaining Committee
- 69) Counsel to the City of Cocoa Beach Board of Adjustment
- 70) Counsel to the City of Brooksville Planning Commission
- 71) Special Counsel to Orange County as to Environmental Claims
- 72) Counsel to the Dade City Planning Board
- 73) Counsel to the Naples Design Review Board
- 74) Counsel to the City of Orlando Zoning Board
- 75) Counsel to the City of Deltona Planning and Zoning Board
- 76) Counsel to the City of Naples Planning Advisory Board
- 77) Counsel to City of Orlando Board of Adjustments
- 78) Counsel to City of St. Cloud Civil Service Board
- 79) Counsel to the City of St. Cloud Code Enforcement Board
- 80) Counsel to the City of St. Augustine Code Enforcement Board
- 81) Special Litigation Counsel to Orange County Property Appraiser
- 82) Counsel to City of Longwood Code Enforcement Board
- 83) Attorney for Orange County Fire & Life Safety Code Board of Adjustments & Appeals
- 84) Counsel to City of Longwood Planning and Zoning Board
- 85) Counsel to the City of St. Augustine Planning and Zoning Board
- 86) Counsel to City of St. Cloud Pension Board
- 87) Counsel to the City of Orlando Board of Adjustments and Appeals
- 88) Special Counsel to Orange County as to §1983 Civil Rights Litigation
- 89) Attorney to the Orange County Code Enforcement Department
- 90) Special Counsel to the Orange County Sheriff's Office
- 91) Special Counsel to the Town of Oakland as to land development and litigation matters
- 92) Attorney for North Lake County Hospital Board of Trustees
- 93) Special Counsel to City of DeLand

- 94) Conflict Counsel/Special Counsel for City of Largo
- 95) Special Counsel to City of Orlando as to Eminent Domain matters
- 96) Special Counsel to Orange County as to Code Enforcement Foreclosures
- 97) Special Magistrate to the Lake County Value Adjustment Board
- 98) Special Magistrate to the Hillsborough County Value Adjustment Board
- 99) Special Magistrate to the City of Satellite Beach
- 100) Special Magistrate to the City of Davenport
- 101) Special Magistrate to the City of Ponce Inlet
- 102) Special Magistrate to the City of St. Augustine
- 103) Land Use Special Magistrate to Lake County
- 104) Special Counsel to the Orange County School Board as to eminent domain matters
- 105) Eminent Domain Mediation Services for Florida Turnpike Authority, FDOT, Seminole County, Orange County, Hillsborough County, Lake County, Polk County
- 106) Counsel to Florida State Court Administrator, Office of Court Education
- 107) Counsel to Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation
- 108) Counsel to Florida House of Representatives
- 109) Special Counsel to Monroe County regarding code enforcement matters

Specific Legal Services Performed for other Local Government Clients

A. Administrative matters and proceedings

The Vose Law Firm's extensive administrative experience includes not only dealing with administrative matters and proceedings within the municipalities we represent, but also dealing with administrative matters and proceedings in state, federal and county venues.

B. Code of Ordinances, and Comprehensive Plan issues

The attorneys of the Vose Law Firm work every day on issues relating to code of ordinances, and comprehensive plans. We regularly draft and amend ordinances, comprehensive plan provisions. We also interpret ordinances, comprehensive plan provisions, and charter provisions (as applicable) as well as defend them in court.

C. Code Enforcement

The attorneys of our firm handle all code enforcement matters for all the governmental agencies we represent. In addition, the Vose Law Firm has represented the Orange County code enforcement department continuously since 1993 and also represents the code enforcement department in Monroe County. Our firm also has extensive experience litigating code enforcement matters in court, including code enforcement lien foreclosures and defense of suits against our clients relating to code enforcement.

D. Contract Law

The attorneys of Vose Law Firm have extensive experience drafting a plethora of contracts (routine and specialized) on virtually all subjects dealt with by local government agencies. We hold a license for unlimited access to AIA documents if those are desired to be used by the City in certain instances. In addition, the attorneys of our firm are extremely experienced in litigating issues relating to governmental contracts.

E. Drafting and reviewing Ordinances and Resolutions

Our firm regularly drafts, reviews and interprets ordinances and resolutions for our local government clients, and we also advise clients as to when new ordinances or resolutions may be necessary. We will draft or review every ordinance or resolution before it goes onto the agenda to ensure quality and legal sufficiency.

F. Federal, State and local ethics laws

As a part of our firm's representation of our clients as county or city attorney we are intimately involved in all aspects of ethics laws that apply to such counties or cities and its employees, officers, board members and vendors. As a regular part of the services we provide to our clients, our attorneys give the required Four Hour Ethics Course if requested as well as instruct other board members as to ethics matters while also providing information as to Sunshine Law and public records law matters.

G. Constitutional Law

A thorough understanding of both the Florida Constitution and the United States Constitution are absolutely vital to providing legal services to our governmental clients and all of our attorneys are well educated on these subjects and keep abreast of evolving case law regarding constitutional matters.

H. Other Federal, State and Municipal Laws & Ordinances

There are a plethora of federal and state laws that significantly impact local government law and the attorneys of the Vose Law Firm are extremely familiar with such laws and keep up with the ever evolving changes in the laws. As soon as we are hired by a governmental agency to act as its attorney, our attorneys become totally familiar with that client's ordinances.

I. Land Use and Zoning

The Vose Law Firm and its attorneys have practiced in the field of land use law as part of their representation of all their governmental clients over the years. Our attorneys have extensive experience writing and interpreting zoning and land use ordinances and

comprehensive plan provisions and dealing with Florida's Comprehensive Growth Management Act, zoning, development agreements, platting issues, development orders, and enterprise zones. Nancy Stuparich has an MPA & MSP in Public Administration and Urban Planning from Florida State University and is a Redevelopment Professional (FRA-RP) certified by the Florida Redevelopment Association. Wade Vose has been instrumental in the development of the new comprehensive plan and land development regulations for Florida's newest municipality, the Village of Indiantown. Becky Vose completed a re-write of the Town of Indian River Shores land development code. They have been involved in significant land use litigation on behalf of public clients. The reported case of City of Orlando vs. The School Board of Orange County was handled by Ms. Vose and helped establish the appellate law in Florida relating to the effect of municipal zoning on other public uses.

J. Litigation in State and Federal Courts

The Vose Law Firm has handled litigation in both state and federal courts for virtually all cities we have represented as city attorney. The firm currently is handling civil litigation for Okeechobee County, the City of Brooksville, the City of South Daytona, the City of Daytona Beach Shores and the City of Cocoa Beach. As outside counsel, our firm has successfully represented in litigation Orange County, the Orange County Property Appraiser, and Monroe County.

K. Leases and Agreements

Our firm has extensive experience in drafting and reviewing leases involving our governmental clients, whether the client is the landlord or the tenant. We are also adept at litigating issues relating to leases and other landlord/tenant issues.

L. Property Easements

The attorneys of the Vose Law Firm frequently draft and interpret property easements of all types for the local governments they represent. They also have extensive experience in the acquisition of easements for their clients.

M. Purchase, Lease and Sale of City Real Property

The attorneys of the Vose Law Firm regularly handle the purchase, lease and/or sale of real property on behalf of our clients. Currently, Becky Vose is handling the purchase by Fort Myers Beach of property for its new Town Hall, and recently handled the sale of property for the City of Daytona Beach Shores and handled litigation to clear title to certain land owned by the City of Cocoa Beach in preparation for the sale of the property to a third party.

N. Public Utility Matters

The attorneys of the Vose Law Firm handle all public utility matters for our clients. In addition, our firm has extensive experience rendering legal advice and drafting documents relating to utility taxes and utility franchise agreements. The representation of each of the clients of the firm has included the drafting and reviewing of numerous franchise agreements with various utility companies. The representation of the City of St. Cloud included handling the complex transaction between the Orlando Utilities Commission and St. Cloud as to the “take over” of the St. Cloud electrical system by the OUC.

O. Public Records and Sunshine Law Matters

Rendering legal advice to our clients as to both public records and Sunshine Law matters is an almost daily occurrence for our attorneys. As a regular part of the services we provide to the clients we represent, our attorneys teach the required Four Hour Ethics Course if requested, as well as giving regular training on ethics, Sunshine law, and public records matters to other board members. In addition, we have experience litigating matters implicating the public records law and/or the Sunshine Law.

P. Provide advice and counsel at staff meetings as directed by the our governmental clients.

One aspect of getting in front of issues involves having an open dialog with staff about issues that will come before the Commission in future meetings. We encourage Commissioners and staff to call, text, or email us about any concerns they may have about an agenda item. Some issues require research or preparation, and we strive to resolve all relevant issues prior to the meeting so that the agenda item does not need to be pulled due to a legal concern.

Q. Address legal issues affecting financial matters of our clients, including user fees, impact fees, franchise fees, and special assessments.

Virtually all of our governmental clients over the last 50 years have received extensive assistance from the attorneys of our firm on financial matters, including, but not limited to, user fees, impact fees, and special assessments.

R. Review Requests for Proposals, bid invitation documents, development review applications, agenda items, and other pertinent matters as directed.

The attorneys of the Vose Law Firm regularly review, then assist and advise their local government clients on purchasing and procurement matters, development review applications, all agenda items, and any other legal issues that arise in the course of the representation of the governmental entities we represent.

S. Address and advise clients in community development issues including, but not limited to, land use law, Florida's Comprehensive Growth Management Act, zoning, code enforcement, development agreements, development orders, developments of regional impact, and condemnation.

The Vose Law Firm and its attorneys have practiced in the field of land use law as part of their representation of virtually all their governmental clients over the years. Becky Vose has been representing local governments for 50 years and has handled all manner of land use, zoning, CRAs, and other such matters. The attorneys of the Vose Law Firm have extensive experience writing and interpreting zoning and land use ordinances and dealing with Florida's Comprehensive Growth Management Act, zoning, redevelopment districts, code enforcement, development agreements, development orders, developments of regional impact, and enterprise zones. Wade Vose has been instrumental in the development of the new comprehensive plan and land development regulations for Florida's newest municipality, the Village of Indiantown. The Vose Law Firm completed a re-write of the Town of Indian River Shores land development code. They have been involved in significant land use litigation on behalf of public clients as well as private clients. The reported case of City of Orlando vs. The School Board of Orange County was handled by Ms. Vose and helped establish the appellate law in Florida relating to the effect of municipal zoning on other public uses.

T. Address and advise City in utility taxes and utility franchise agreements as they relate to Florida governmental agencies.

The Vose Law Firm has extensive experience rendering legal advice and drafting documents relating to utility taxes and utility franchise agreements. The representation of each of the clients of the firm has included the drafting and reviewing of numerous franchise agreements with various utility companies. The representation of the City of St. Cloud included handling the complex transaction between the Orlando Utilities Commission and St. Cloud as to the "take over" of the St. Cloud electrical system by the OUC. The firm is currently negotiating a new franchise agreement with Duke Energy for electrical service to the Town of Oakland.

U. Address and advise City on special assessments and special assessment collections and liens.

The Vose Law Firm has provided general legal services in the areas of special assessments and special assessment collection and liens for each of the governments represented by the firm. In addition, the firm did extensive work for the City of Longwood in reviewing and collecting long over-due special assessments, and the firm has represented Orange County as to CEB lien foreclosures and settlements for the last 25 years.

V. Address and advise governments in the additional following areas: Sunshine Law and public records law; home rule; exercise of police power; practice and procedures

before local government land use issues, legislative, and quasi-judicial bodies; and all other areas of municipal law.

The Vose Law Firm regularly advises clients on the matters above as part of its day to day practice. These are among the most common questions facing local government officials, and as City Attorney, we encourage City staff and officials, including not just the City Commission, but also board members for advisory boards, to contact us if they have any questions about any of these matters. Additionally, we remain in regular contact with county staff to advise staff on the law as well as providing opinions on best practices and procedures.

W. Responding to requests from City Commissioners or City staff within the time period required by the City.

The attorneys at the Vose Law Firm are aware that advising local governments is not strictly an 8 to 5 affair. It is our practice to answer every phone call from a client immediately unless we are in another meeting or in court. When possible, we text the person calling if we are not immediately available to let the caller know when to expect a return call. If something cannot wait, typically it will be easy for a client to reach out to another attorney in the firm and get answers to questions. We are available after hours and on weekends as well, whether for meetings or for situations that are time sensitive.

X. Representation of local governments in diverse litigation in state, federal and appellate courts, and Alternative Dispute Resolution experience.

All of the attorneys of the Vose Law Firm have significant experience with alternative dispute resolution techniques. Becky Vose became certified as a certified circuit court mediator in the 1990s and has mediated hundreds of cases, most of which involved at least one governmental agency.

Y. Condemnation (Eminent Domain) under Florida law

The Vose Law Firm's eminent domain experience includes the full range of eminent domain practice including initial pre-litigation advice and drafting of resolutions, preparation of all pleadings, numerous contested as well as uncontested Order of Taking hearings, settlement negotiations and drafting of settlement documents, mediations, jury trials, and appeals. In addition, they have extensive experience dealing with issues of public use, incidental private use, necessity, inverse condemnation, business damages, severance damages, damages to non-profit entities, historically significant properties, cost to cure, consolidation of parcels, and down-zoning issues. The firm has recently successfully completed eminent domain proceedings for the City of Deltona.

As both an Assistant City Attorney for Orlando and as Special Counsel to the City of Orlando, Ms. Vose represented the City of Orlando for over 15 years in eminent domain

litigation. During that time, she represented the City as to numerous acquisitions including rights-of-way, pedestrian walkways, park lands, land for parking areas, easements for sewage transmission lines, sites for public utility facilities, as well as many other public use projects. As Special Counsel to the City, she handled on a contract basis the acquisition of the property for the Gertrude Walk pedestrian walkway through downtown Orlando as well as the City of Orlando Arena property, (Phases II and III). Ms. Vose also has extensive experience as counsel to property owners of condemned land, and has acted as a certified circuit court mediator in over 100 eminent domain mediations.

Z. Counsel and legal services to local government pension boards, and work with employee pension plans including Florida Statutes, Chapter 175 and Chapter 185 Special Risk Plans

The attorneys of the Vose Law Firm have provided legal services to the Cities of Winter Garden, Longwood, Deltona, Edgewood, Eagle Lake, and St. Cloud relating to employee pension plans including Florida Statutes, Chapter 175 and Chapter 185 Special Risk Plans.

AA. All aspects of construction law and public works (water and wastewater) issues

The attorneys of the Vose Law Firm have extensive experience representing both public and private clients as to virtually all aspects of public works matters, including water and waste water issues, construction law including, but not limited to regulatory compliance, bid solicitations, bid protests, construction contracts, construction litigation, warranty issues, delay damages, etc. The firm has provided extensive legal services as to Public Works (water and waste water) issues for each city represented by the firm.

BB. The creation and administration of Tax Increment Financing Districts (CRAs)

The Vose Law Firm provided legal services to the cities of Naples, Cocoa Beach, Brooksville, Dade City, Winter Garden, Longwood, Edgewood, Deltona, Bunnell, and St. Cloud relating to Tax Increment Financing Districts (CRAs). In addition, as general counsel for the North Lake County Hospital Board of Trustees, the firm had significant experience challenging the authority of municipal tax increment financing districts from imposing charges on the special taxing district.

CC. Environmental law including representation before and negotiations with, various State and Federal regulatory agencies

The attorneys of Vose Law Firm have represented public and private clients with regard to environmental matters in conjunction with governmental representation and private real estate practice. As counsel to the Green Swamp Land Authority, such representation included extensive dealings with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Community Affairs, and two water management districts. While an Assistant City Attorney for Orlando, Ms. Vose worked on the permitting for the Iron Bridge

Road Sewage Treatment Plant and for various drainage and other public works projects. As the City Attorney for Longwood, the firm represented the City in matters relating to a RCRA site on City property and was responsible for negotiations with the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, [now the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)], and for matters relating to negotiations with the environmental company hired to evaluate the clean-up of the property.

The attorneys of Vose Law Firm have been extensively involved in the permitting of various environmental features have also represented numerous property owners in negotiations with the FDEP and in litigation over environmental contamination issues. Ms. Vose co-authored the book, *Environmental Survival Kit for Realty Professionals*, a book designed to protect realty professionals from losses due to environmental problems. The Florida Board of Realtors purchased the rights to such publication for purposes of including the publication among its educational materials.

DD. Collective bargaining/Labor Law

The Vose Law Firm has represented local governments it has represented as to numerous collective bargaining matters. The attorneys of the firm currently represent Okeechobee County in its ongoing negotiations with I.A.F.F. Local 2918 relating to city/county fire consolidation issues. In recent years, the attorneys of the firm recently handled the collective bargaining negotiations for the City of Deltona relating to the negotiations with I.A.F.F. Local 2913, and recently successfully concluded collective bargaining negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police on behalf the City of Bunnell. The attorneys of the firm are now beginning the bargaining process for the fire union at the City of Brooksville. The attorneys of the Vose Law Firm also have extensive experience representing their cities in labor arbitrations, unfair labor practices issues, and general issues relating to employment law.

EE. Municipal and County Charters

The Vose Law Firm and its attorneys have extensive experience in representing cities and counties with regard to charter government, including but not limited to charter amendments, charter review, and the interaction of municipal and county ordinances under governing county charter provisions. Notably, Wade Vose and Vose Law Firm LLP have served three times as General Counsel to the Orange County Charter Review Commission, joining former Orange County Mayor and U.S. Senator Mel Martinez as the only other attorney to have served as General Counsel to the Orange County Charter Review Commission more than once. Mr. Vose prepared the ballot title, ballot summary, and amended charter language for each of the 2012, 2016, and 2024 CRC-initiated charter amendments, with a specific focus on both clarity of the ballot language for the voter, and strict compliance with the exacting standards of Section 101.161, Fla. Stat. and the extensive specialized case law governing the wording of ballot referenda.

In 2013-2014, Mr. Vose served as counsel to the City of Bunnell Charter Review Committee, which was engaged in a comprehensive review of its city charter. Mr. Vose provided substantial legal and procedural guidance to that committee throughout its deliberations, resulting in Mr. Vose preparing the ballot titles, ballot summaries, and charter amendment language for seven (7) charter referendum questions placed on the municipal ballot. In 2014, Mr. Vose also served as counsel and facilitator to the City of Deltona Charter Review Committee, which resulted in three (3) charter referendum questions prepared by Mr. Vose placed on the municipal ballot. Mr. Vose recently completed assisting the Town of Pierson with a comprehensive review and rewrite of its town charter, which had not been revised or modernized since 1929.

Mr. Vose and the Vose Law Firm also served as General Counsel to the 2016 and 2024 Pinellas County (home of St. Petersburg, Clearwater, and Largo) Charter Review Commissions, notably in 2016 the formative first time that CRC has chosen an attorney unaffiliated with the Pinellas County Attorney's Office. Pinellas County is the most urbanized county in the State of Florida, and Mr. Vose and the Vose Law Firm represented that CRC as it reconsidered the balance of power between the County and its 24 municipalities, as well as between the County and its constitutional officers. In addition, Mr. Vose and the Vose Law Firm served as General Counsel to the 2016 Brevard County Charter Review Commission, 2018 Clay County Charter Review Commission, and the 2020 Alachua County Charter Review Commission.

FF. Municipal Bonds

The Vose Law Firm and its attorneys have extensive experience representing municipalities in a variety of municipal bond matters as local bond counsel. The firm has the appropriate expertise to work hand in hand with professional bond counsel and financial consultants to accomplish bonding for a variety of municipal purposes.

GG. Representation of clients relating to gambling issues and "Internet Cafes"

The Vose Law Firm and its attorneys have represented local governments in matters relating to gambling and Internet Cafes. The cities of Cocoa Beach, South Daytona, Bunnell, and Deltona have faced numerous issues as to illicit gambling activities in the city limits and the Vose Law Firm has provided expert legal services which successfully addressed those issues.

HH. Medical Marijuana issues

The attorneys of the Vose Law Firm have made numerous presentations on the subject of medical marijuana and the appropriate manner for local governments to deal with matters related to that subject. Wade Vose has made numerous public presentations to groups of local government officials on this subject, and has been on several television presentations on this issue. Both Wade Vose and Becky Vose have drafted medical

marijuana ordinances for the respective clients they represent. Each client has dealt with the issue in a different way dependent upon the respective concerns of each of the local governments represented.

II. Bert J. Harris Act matters

The attorneys of the Vose Law Firm have been heavily involved in defending local governments in Bert J. Harris litigation. A few years ago, the City of Anna Maria received in the last year over 100 Bert J. Harris claims, and the local government lawyers of the Vose Law Firm were actively involved in handling those claims. Those claims have been settled with no financial payments by the City.

JJ. Vacation Rental Issues

The City of Anna Maria hired the Vose Law Firm as its City Attorney in the middle of its life and death struggle with Vacation Rentals that were about to “take over” the City. The Vose Law Firm drafted one of the State of Florida’s first Vacation Rental Ordinances and successfully defended that ordinance (which evolved over time) in five different legal challenges. The City of Anna Maria has one of the few Vacation Rental Ordinances that has withstood multiple legal challenges, and the City is now flourishing with well-regulated Vacation Rentals. The Vose Law Firm also recently wrote a Vacation Rental Ordinance for the City of Cocoa Beach, which has very different concerns regarding Vacation Rentals.

KK. Forfeiture

The attorneys of the Vose Law Firm have handled extensive forfeiture matters for the clients it has represent over the years. However, due to recent changes in legislation, the firm’s local government clients are not as inclined to file forfeitures due to prohibitively high costs involved (unrelated to legal expenses).

LL. Pension matters

The attorneys of the Vose Law Firm regularly interface with pension counsel representing various pension boards and give their cities legal advice regarding the effect pension matters will have on the governmental entity. The firm recently represented the City of Brooksville regarding the closing of a pension plan after the disbandment of that city’s police department.

MM. Representation of Government-Owned General Aviation Airport

Our firm also has extensive experience representing a government-owned general aviation airport. Our firm is County Attorney for Okeechobee County, which operates an active general aviation airport (ICAO: KOBE) and its associated Fixed Base Operator

("FBO"), and our firm has represented the airport in a multitude of matters, including, but not limited to advice concerning compliance with FAA Grant Assurances, disposal of derelict and abandoned aircraft under Sec. 705.183, Fla. Stat., acquisition of a FBO, operation by the County as an FBO, adoption of airport regulations, fees, and service charges under Sec. 332.08, Fla. Stat., hangar leases and evictions, FDOT certifications, agreements with rental car providers, airport protection zoning, and specialized litigation involving an approved airport master plan.

NN. Other specific local government experience not listed above

The Vose Law Firm has also represented cities relating to the following matters:

- i) Civil rights defense – USCA, Title VII litigation
- ii) Litigation relating to qualifications for election
- iii) Redistricting to comply with Federal Court Orders
- iv) Disputes between governmental entities relating to zoning and land use
- v) Intergovernmental agreements
- vi) FEMA reimbursement issues
- vii) Labor law, employee disputes, and employee discharge hearings
- viii) Historic Preservation
- ix) Construction Industry Board of Appeals – establishment and representation
- x) Public Employee Relations Commission hearings and appeals
- xi) Adult entertainment and bookstore ordinances; bingo regulation
- xii) Trap, Neuter, Release feral cat control
- xiii) Plasmapheresis facility regulation
- xiv) Arbor ordinances and regulation
- xv) Sexual harassment litigation
- xvi) Age discrimination litigation
- xvii) Police legal advisor issues
- xviii) Alarm ordinance regulation
- xix) Cable TV regulation
- xx) Cell phone tower regulations
- xxi) Leasing of public property for private use
- xxii) Local counsel for bond issues
- xxiii) Land banking for future public use
- xxiv) Federal grant applications and administration
- xxv) Defense of inverse condemnation claims due to restrictive zoning
- xxvi) Marina leases
- xxvii) Sale/lease back agreements for city
- xxviii) Code Enforcement foreclosures
- xxix) Annexation disputes
- xxx) Noise ordinances
- xxxi) Inverse condemnation actions relating to environmental damages

- xxxii) Residential Prison Diversion Programs
- xxxiii) Mortgage Foreclosure Registration
- xxxiv) HUD Uniform Relocation Act requirements
- xxxv) Construction Regulation Boards
- xxxvi) ADA compliance issues
- xxxvii) Customary Beach Use Ordinances
- xxxviii) Declarations of Emergency
- xxxix) Dogs on the beach regulations and ordinance

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Law Degree:	J.D. with High Honors. 1973. University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville, Florida
Grade Average:	3.6 (four point system) Number 1 in Class
Undergraduate Degree:	B.A. in English with High Honors. 1970 Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
Member/ Admitted:	Florida Bar – Member in Good Standing since 1973 50 YEAR MEMBER – FLORIDA BAR Bar No. 169913 U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals U.S. Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals U.S. Court of Appeals for Federal Circuit Orange County Bar Association
Rated:	AV by Martindale-Hubbell (highest rating awarded) Listed in Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers

BAR RELATED ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

City, County & Local Government Law Section of Florida Bar
Chairperson, Women in Law Committee, Orange County Bar Association
Fee Arbitration Committee, Orange County Bar Association
Central Florida Association of Women Lawyers
Member, Eminent Domain Committees, Florida Bar and American Bar
Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem Orange Co. Legal Aid Soc. - Cited for Exceptional Service
Volunteer to Homeless Advoc. Program of Orange Co. Bar - Cited for Exceptional Service

LAW SCHOOL POSITIONS AND HONORS

Editorial Board, University of Florida Law Review
Order of the Coif
Senior Class President - University of Florida Law School
Law Center Scholarship
Chairperson of Council of Ten

PUBLICATION

Environmental Survival Kit for Real Estate Professionals (Book and disk. Purchased in the 1990's by the Florida Board of Realtors to be used for continuing education purposes.)

PROFESSIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL POSITIONS HELD

Assistant City Attorney, Orlando, Florida
Managing Partner/Chairperson, Real Estate Department, Shutts & Bowen Orlando office
Founding Partner, Vose Law Firm, LLP
City Attorney, City of Cocoa Beach
City Attorney, City of Anna Maria
City Attorney, City of Daytona Beach Shores
City Attorney, City of Brooksville
City Attorney, City of St. Pete Beach
City Attorney, City of Naples
City Attorney, City of Winter Garden
City Attorney, City of Edgewood
City Attorney, City of St. Cloud
City Attorney, City of Eagle Lake
City Attorney, City of Longwood
City Attorney, City of Windermere
City Attorney, City of Deltona
Town Attorney, Town of Fort Myers Beach
Town Attorney, Town of Oakland
General Counsel for North Lake County Hospital Board of Trustees
Attorney for City of Orlando Code Enforcement Board
Special Counsel to City of Orlando as to Eminent Domain matters
Special Counsel to Cities of Ocoee and Casselberry
Special Counsel to Orange County Sheriff's Office
City Prosecutor for City of Orlando
Special Counsel to Orange County as to Code Enforcement Foreclosures
Special Counsel to Orange County as to Environmental Claims
Special Litigation Counsel to Orange County Property Appraiser
General Counsel for Green Swamp Land Authority
Counsel to Orange County Fire and Life Safety Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals
Special Counsel to Orange County as to §1983 Civil Rights Litigation
Eminent Domain Mediation Services for: FDOT; Florida Turnpike Authority; Seminole, Orange, Hillsborough, Lake and Polk Counties
Certified Circuit Court Mediator
Nominated for Appointment to Fifth District Court of Appeal

Biographical Sketch - Gretchen R. H. "Becky" Vose

Becky Vose graduated first in her law school class at the University of Florida College of Law, in 1973. While a law student, she was Senior Class President, Chairperson of the Council of Ten, on the editorial board of the University of Florida Law Review, and recipient for three years of a Law Center Scholarship. Upon graduation, she was tapped for membership in Order of the Coif.

In 1973, Becky was admitted to the Florida Bar and began her legal career as an Assistant City Attorney for Orlando. Thereafter she formed the law firm that is the predecessor to the Vose Law Firm. In 1981, she was recruited by Shutts & Bowen to open a branch office in Orlando and served as its managing partner. She was honored by being nominated by the Judicial Nominating Commission for a seat on the Fifth District Court of Appeal.

Over her 51 years of local government representation, Becky Vose has held the position of City Attorney for fifteen (15) cities – Naples, Cocoa Beach, St. Pete Beach, Daytona Beach Shores, Anna Maria, Brooksville, Fort Myers Beach, Winter Garden, Edgewood, Longwood, Windermere, Oakland, Eagle Lake, St. Cloud, Deltona. She also has done major work for Orange County government as to matters ranging from complex environmental litigation and the defense of §1983 Civil Rights claims. She also represented the Orange County Property Appraiser (OCPA) in a multi-year complex intellectual property lawsuit about the software utilized by the Property Appraiser's office. She also held the positions of General Counsel to the North Lake County Hospital Board of Trustees and the Green Swamp Land Authority.

Becky has taught at numerous continuing legal education seminars to other attorneys and has regularly presented seminars and instructional sessions for employees and officials of governmental clients. Ms. Vose is rated A-V Preeminent, which is the highest rating given by Martindale-Hubbell, and she has also been listed in the Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers.

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Legal	University of Florida College of Law Gainesville, FL J.D. with Honors, May 2003 Book Awards: Environmental Law Intellectual Property Law Family Law Recipient of the Levin College of Law Leonard Scholarship
Undergraduate	University of Florida Gainesville, FL B.A. in Political Science, with Honors, May 2000 National Merit Scholar / Florida Academic Scholar Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honorary
Preparatory	Bishop Moore Catholic High School Orlando, FL Graduated with Highest Honors, May 1996 Student Body President & Valedictorian
Admitted	Florida Bar – Admitted & Member in Good Standing since 2003 Bar No. 685021 U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida Orange County Bar Association City, County, and Local Government Law Section – Florida Bar Environmental & Land Use Law Section – Florida Bar
Certification	Board Certified in City, County and Local Government Law

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vose Law Firm LLP (Winter Park, FL)

Managing Partner - As managing partner of an AV-rated statewide local government law firm serving as City Attorney for ten cities and County Attorney for one county, in addition to extensive specialized representation for local governments statewide, responsible for overseeing every segment of the local government representation process, including representation of local government commissions, councils, and boards, client counseling of elected officials, city and county managers/administrators, department heads, staff, and appointed officials, evaluation of claims and defenses, development of litigation strategies, preparation of ordinances, resolutions, development agreements, pleadings, discovery, motions, and memoranda, and argument before trial and appellate courts. January 2004 to present.

City of South Daytona, Florida (South Daytona, FL)

City Attorney - Wade Vose serves as City Attorney to the City of South Daytona, a residential and business-friendly city bordering the Halifax River. Responsible for providing legal advice to City Council and other City boards at public meetings as needed, advising all city departments, drafting city ordinances and resolutions, and conducting litigation on behalf of the City. November 2020 to present.

Village of Indiantown, Florida (Indiantown, FL)

Village Attorney - As Village Attorney to Florida's newest municipality, just formed at the end of 2017, responsible for providing legal advice to the Village Council, Village Manager, Village boards and staff as the Village charts its own course, drafting ordinances, resolutions, and agreements, handling real estate transactions, and conducting litigation on behalf of the Village. September 2018 to present.

City of Rockledge, Florida (Rockledge, FL)

City Attorney - Wade Vose serves as City Attorney to the City of Rockledge, Brevard County's oldest city, located along the picturesque Indian River. Responsible for providing legal advice to City Council and other City boards at public meetings as needed, advising all city departments, drafting city ordinances and resolutions, and conducting litigation on behalf of the City. December 2024 to present.

City of Oviedo, Florida (Oviedo, FL)

City Attorney - Wade Vose serves as City Attorney to the City of Oviedo, a growing city in east Seminole County. Responsible for providing legal advice to City Council and other City boards at public meetings as needed, advising all city departments, drafting city ordinances and resolutions, and conducting litigation on behalf of the City. June 2025 to present.

City of Cocoa Beach, Florida (Cocoa Beach, FL)

City Attorney – Vose Law Firm, Becky Vose, and Wade Vose jointly serve as City Attorney to the City of Cocoa Beach, the famous beach community on Florida’s Space Coast. Responsible for providing legal advice to City Commission and other City boards at public meetings as needed, advising all city departments, drafting city ordinances and resolutions, and conducting litigation on behalf of the City. July 2017 to present.

City of Bunnell, Florida (Bunnell, FL)

City Attorney – As City Attorney for this Flagler County city that serves as county seat and is the second largest city geographically in Florida (after Jacksonville), responsible for providing legal advice to City Commission and other City boards at public meetings as needed, advising all city departments including planning, finance, police, grants, and public works, drafting city ordinances and resolutions, handling real estate transactions, and conducting litigation on behalf of the City. October 2013 to present.

City of Anna Maria, Florida (Anna Maria, FL)

City Attorney – Vose Law Firm, Becky Vose, and Wade Vose jointly serve as City Attorney to the City of Anna Maria, an idyllic coastal city on Anna Maria Island in the Gulf of Mexico. Responsible for providing legal advice to City Commission and other City boards at public meetings as needed, advising all city departments, drafting city ordinances and resolutions, and conducting litigation on behalf of the City. March 2015 to present.

City of Satellite Beach, Florida (Satellite Beach, FL)

Special Magistrate – As the first Code Enforcement Special Magistrate for the City of Satellite Beach, a coastal city located near Patrick Air Force Base in Brevard County, responsible for serving as an impartial magistrate to adjudicate violations of the City of Satellite Beach code of ordinances. February 2017 to present.

Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners (Okeechobee, FL)

County Attorney – As County Attorney for the only county strategically located in both Florida’s Treasure Coast and Florida’s Heartland, responsible for protecting the legal interests of Okeechobee County by providing comprehensive and quality legal services to the Board of County Commissioners, the County Administrator, and Department Heads, providing legal advice to the Board of County Commissioners and other county boards at public meetings, drafting county ordinances and resolutions, drafting and reviewing county contracts, and conducting litigation on behalf of the County. November 2019 to March 2025.

2024 Orange County Charter Review Commission (Orlando, FL)

General Counsel – As General Counsel to the commission empowered by the Orange County Charter to conduct a comprehensive study of all phases of county

government and place proposed charter amendments on the ballot for voter approval, responsible for advising the 2024 Orange County Charter Review Commission ("CRC") as to all legal matters, including legality and constitutionality of CRC actions and proposed charter amendments, representation of CRC at public meetings, preparation of charter amendment and ballot language, and preparation of CRC final report. April 2023 to November 2024.

2024 Pinellas County Charter Review Commission (Clearwater, FL)

General Counsel - As General Counsel to the commission empowered by the Pinellas County Charter to review, on behalf of the citizens of Pinellas County, the operation of county government in order to recommend amendments to the Pinellas County Charter, responsible for advising the 2024 Pinellas County Charter Review Commission ("CRC") as to all legal matters, including legality and constitutionality of CRC actions and proposed charter amendments, representation of CRC at public meetings, and preparation of charter amendment and ballot language. September 2023 to November 2024.

2016 Orange County Charter Review Commission (Orlando, FL)

General Counsel - As General Counsel to the commission empowered by the Orange County Charter to conduct a comprehensive study of all phases of county government and place proposed charter amendments on the ballot for voter approval, responsible for advising the 2016 Orange County Charter Review Commission ("CRC") as to all legal matters, including legality and constitutionality of CRC actions and proposed charter amendments, representation of CRC at public meetings, preparation of charter amendment and ballot language, and preparation of CRC final report. March 2015 to November 2016.

2016 Pinellas County Charter Review Commission (Clearwater, FL)

General Counsel - As General Counsel to the commission empowered by the Pinellas County Charter to review, on behalf of the citizens of Pinellas County, the operation of county government in order to recommend amendments to the Pinellas County Charter, responsible for advising the 2016 Pinellas County Charter Review Commission ("CRC") as to all legal matters, including legality and constitutionality of CRC actions and proposed charter amendments, representation of CRC at public meetings, and preparation of charter amendment and ballot language. September 2015 to November 2016.

2016 Brevard County Charter Review Commission (Viera, FL)

General Counsel - As General Counsel to the commission empowered by the Brevard County Charter to review and propose amendments to the Brevard County Charter, responsible for advising the 2016 Brevard County Charter Review Commission ("CRC") as to all legal matters, including legality and

constitutionality of CRC actions and proposed charter amendments, representation of CRC at public meetings, and preparation of charter amendment and ballot language. October 2015 to November 2016.

2020 Alachua County Charter Review Commission (Gainesville, FL)

General Counsel - As General Counsel to the commission empowered by the Alachua County Charter to review and propose amendments to the Alachua County Charter, responsible for advising the 2020 Alachua County Charter Review Commission ("CRC") as to all legal matters, including legality and constitutionality of CRC actions and proposed charter amendments, representation of CRC at public meetings, and preparation of charter amendment and ballot language. October 2019 to November 2020.

2018 Clay County Charter Review Commission (Green Cove Springs, FL)

General Counsel - As General Counsel to the commission empowered by the Clay County Charter to review and propose amendments to the Clay County Charter, responsible for advising the 2018 Clay County Charter Review Commission ("CRC") as to all legal matters, including legality and constitutionality of CRC actions and proposed charter amendments, representation of CRC at public meetings, and preparation of charter amendment and ballot language. December 2017 to July 2018.

2012 Orange County Charter Review Commission (Orlando, FL)

General Counsel - As General Counsel to the commission empowered by the Orange County Charter to conduct a comprehensive study of all phases of county government and place proposed charter amendments on the ballot for voter approval, responsible for advising the 2012 Orange County Charter Review Commission ("CRC") as to all legal matters, including legality and constitutionality of CRC actions and proposed charter amendments, representation of CRC at public meetings, preparation of charter amendment and ballot language, and preparation of CRC final report. August 2011 to November 2012.

Pinellas County, Florida (Clearwater, FL)

Counsel, County Attorney Oversight Committee - The County Attorney Oversight Committee is a unique collegial body created pursuant to Section 4.02 of the Pinellas County Charter, consisting of the seven members of the Pinellas County Commission, plus the five Pinellas County constitutional officers (Sheriff, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections, and Clerk of the Circuit Court), organized to select, terminate, and annually review, the Pinellas County Attorney. As Counsel to the Committee, responsible for providing outside and impartial legal advice throughout its process of selection, termination, and annual review of the Pinellas County Attorney. February 2017 to present.

Counsel, County Redistricting Board – The County Redistricting Board is a board created pursuant to Section 3.04 of the Pinellas County Charter, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners after each decennial census to develop and propose county redistricting plans to the BOCC. As Counsel to the Board, responsible for providing outside and impartial legal advice throughout its redistricting proposal development process, including application of the Pinellas County Charter’s unique CRB criteria modeled on the Florida Constitution’s Fair Districts standards. August 2021 to December 2021.

Town of Pierson, Florida (Pierson, FL)

Town Attorney – As Town Attorney for the Town of Pierson, a small Volusia County town known as the “Fern Capital of the World,” responsible for providing legal advice to the Town Council and other Town boards at public meetings, advising all Town staff, drafting ordinances and resolutions, and conducting litigation on behalf of the Town. June 2015 to February 2020.

City of Deltona, Florida (Deltona, FL)

Chief Assistant City Attorney – Vose Law Firm and its Founding Partner, Becky Vose, served for over half a decade as City Attorney to the City of Deltona, an 87,000 resident community in Volusia County. As Chief Assistant City Attorney, responsible for providing legal advice to City Commission and other City boards at public meetings, as necessary, drafting of city ordinances and ordinance amendments, and litigation on behalf of the City. June 2011 to February 2017.

Eighth Judicial Circuit State Attorney’s Office (Gainesville, FL)

Certified Legal Intern – Responsible for prosecution of criminal cases as the sole Certified Legal Intern in the Bradford County, Florida office of the Eighth Circuit State Attorney’s Office. January 2003 to May 2003.

Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida (Orlando, FL)

Judicial Law Clerk - Clerked for Circuit Judge Walter Komanski. Responsible for conducting legal research, drafting legal memoranda, final judgments and other judicial orders, and assisting the judge throughout a variety of trials and hearings. May 2001 to August 2001.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Orange County Government

Authority Member – Orange County Industrial Development Authority (2014 to 2016) – Serve as one of five governing members of an industrial development authority responsible for issuing industrial development revenue bonds for the purpose of financing the costs of industrial or manufacturing plants, research and development parks, agricultural processing or storage facilities, warehousing or distribution facilities, headquarters facilities, tourism facilities, educational facilities, commercial projects in enterprise zones, and health care facilities.

Chairman - Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board (Chairman - Oct. 2008 to Oct. 2009, Vice Chairman - Oct. 2007 to Oct. 2008, Member - Aug. 2006 to May 2011) - Responsible for approving criteria for neighborhood grant programs, overseeing the application review process, approval of recommended grant recipients, hearing appeals from grant applications, and monitoring progress of grant recipients.

Board Member - Orange Blossom Trail Development Board (August 2007 to Oct. 2010) - Responsible for promoting the economic, social, and aesthetic revitalization of the south Orange Blossom Trail area.

Orlando Business Journal

Forty Under 40, Class of 2009 - Recipient of the Orlando Business Journal's prestigious Forty Under 40 Award, spotlighting forty of the Central Florida region's top young business and civic leaders who demonstrate consistent, outstanding professional achievement and a commitment to community service.

"Reader's Choice - Best Law Firm, 2009 & 2010" - Voted by the readers of the Orlando Business Journal.

Winter Park Chamber of Commerce

Member, Government Affairs Committee - Member of the Winter Park Chamber committee responsible for advocacy on behalf of the Winter Park business community at the local and state level and educating Chamber membership about current affairs effecting the Winter Park business community.

BusinessForce - Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce

Alumnus, Class 1 - Central Florida Political Leadership Institute - Member of the exclusive 25-person inaugural class of Business Force's Political Leadership Institute, a program designed to identify and equip Central Florida's next generation of elected leaders before they formally choose to run for a specific public office.

Rotary Club of Winter Park

Member of Board of Directors (July 2011 to June 2012)

Leadership Winter Park

Class Member, Class 20 (September 2009 to August 2010)

Leadership Orlando

Alumnus, Class 72 (March 2007 to October 2007)

Leadership Apopka

Alumnus, Class 1 (January 2008 to November 2008)

Orange County Bar Association

Committee Member - Young Lawyers Oath of Admissions Committee (June 2004 to September 2005)

Tiger Bay Club of Central Florida

Member (January 2005 to present)

Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce

Businessman of the Year 2008-2009

Chairman - Apopka Area Political Alliance (Apopka Chamber PAC) (August 2008 to February 2012)

Chairman - Issues & Government Affairs Committee (August 2007 to August 2009)

Member of Board of Directors (June 2007 to February 2012)

Biographical Sketch - Wade C. Vose

Wade Vose is the managing partner of the Vose Law Firm. He is Board Certified by the Florida Bar in the area of City, County, and Local Government Law, and rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell. He is a native Floridian and proud “double Gator” having graduated with Honors from the University of Florida College of Law.

Wade serves as the City Attorney for the City of South Daytona, City Attorney for the City of Rockledge, City Attorney for the City of Oviedo, Village Attorney for the Village of Indiantown (Florida’s newest municipality), and Special Magistrate for the City of Satellite Beach. Throughout his career, Wade has also served as County Attorney for Okeechobee County, City Attorney for the City of Bunnell, Town Attorney for the Town of Pierson, Chief Assistant City Attorney for the City of Deltona, Counsel to the Pinellas County Redistricting Board, Counsel to the Pinellas County County Attorney Oversight Committee; Counsel to the Seminole County Tax Collector’s Office, Counsel to the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections’ Office, and General Counsel to a total of eight (8) County Charter Review Commissions in five (5) different charter counties (Orange – 2011-2012, 2015-2016, 2023-2024; Pinellas – 2015-2016, 2023-2024; Brevard – 2015-2016; Clay – 2018; Alachua – 2019-2020), in addition to a range of other specialized representation statewide.

Wade lives in Maitland with his wife and three daughters.

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EDUCATION AND BAR DATA

Florida State University, B.A., cum laude, 1982. (Government/International Affairs)
University of Florida, J.D., 1985 (Law)
Florida State University, MPA & MSP, 1997 (Public Administration/Urban Planning)

Admitted: Florida Bar – Member in Good Standing (No. 646342) 1987
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & POSITIONS HELD

Public Sector:

Town Attorney – Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL Responsibilities include management of the Vose Law Firm’s representation of the Town of Fort Myers Beach. Primary duties include attendance and providing legal support to the mayor and town council members, appointed members of town boards including but not limited the Local Planning Agency, etc., the Town Manager, as well as town staff. Additional responsibilities include supervision and coordination with other members of the Vose Law firm performing legal services.

City Attorney – City of Naples, FL Responsibilities include management of the Vose Law Firm’s representation of the City of Naples. Primary duties include attendance and providing legal support to the mayor and city council members, appointed members of city boards including but not limited the Planning Advisory Board, the Design Review Board, Code Enforcement Board, etc., Charter Officers (City Manager and City Clerk) as well as city staff. Additional responsibilities include supervision and coordination with other members of the Vose Law firm performing legal services.

Assistant City/Town Attorney for the cities of St. Pete Beach, Anna Maria, Bunnell, and Cocoa Beach, Florida. Responsibilities include providing support to Vose Law Firm attorneys serving as primary City Attorney in these cities. Duties and responsibilities vary and can include attending public meetings, drafting ordinances, resolutions,

policies, agreements, collective bargaining negotiations and other legal documents, representing the city in circuit/county court and quasi-judicial hearings.

Deputy County Attorney for Okeechobee County Duties and responsibilities can vary and include review of contract documents, ordinances, policies, attendance at Planning Board meetings, Code Enforcement Special Magistrate hearings, Construction Industry Licensing Board public hearings, Canvassing Board public meetings, representing the County in county court hearings.

City Attorney, Brooksville, Florida. Responsibilities included providing legal counsel to the City of Brooksville City Council, its and Charter Officers and Department Heads. Duties and responsibilities included attending public meetings, drafting ordinances, resolutions, policies, agreements and other legal documents, purchase and sale of real estate, monitoring pending insurance claims; working with outside counsel; and other duties as needed.

Town Attorney, Oakland, Florida. Responsibilities included providing legal counsel to the Town of Oakland Town Commission, its and Charter Officers and Department Heads. Duties and responsibilities included attending public meetings, drafting ordinances, resolutions, policies, agreements and other legal documents, purchase and sale of real estate, monitoring pending insurance claims; working with outside counsel; and other duties as needed.

City Attorney, Dade City, Florida. Responsibilities included providing legal counsel to the City of Dade City Commission, its Charter Officers, and Police Chief. Duties and responsibilities included attending public meetings, drafting ordinances, resolutions, policies, agreements and other legal documents, purchase and sale of real estate, monitoring pending insurance claims; working with outside counsel; and other duties as needed.

Special Magistrate, City of Davenport, Florida. Preside as the special magistrate for review of code enforcement cases presented by the City of Davenport Code Enforcement Officer.

County Attorney, DeSoto County, Florida. Responsibilities included independently providing legal services to the DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners; drafting written and providing oral legal opinions; participation in public hearings and workshops of the BCC, Planning Board, Code Enforcement Special Magistrate; drafting ordinances, resolutions and negotiation of contracts; defending the county in litigation matters; working with outside legal counsel and staff; and other duties as needed.

Assistant County Attorney, Escambia County, Florida. Responsibilities included representing the county on general county government matters at workshops, public hearings and in court; drafting ordinances, resolutions and contracts; negotiating and

completing the purchase, sale and disposition of county real estate assets; serving as the attorney to the Board of Adjustment, Planning Board and the Escambia County Canvassing Board; responding to questions from staff and County Commissioners regarding local government issues; and other projects as assigned by the County Attorney. Awarded recognition as “Employee of the Month” for work and coordination of a tri-party agreement bringing minor league hockey to the county.

Assistant General Counsel, Florida League of Cities. Responsibilities included legislative lobbying; serving as a liaison to the Governor's Property Rights Study Commission II; legal research concerning municipal issues; preparing appellate briefs; preparing the Florida Municipal Attorneys Newsletter; assisting and document drafting for the purchase of Sittig Hall; serving as staff to the Juvenile Justice/Criminal Policy Committee; responding to correspondence and questions from member city officials; and other duties as assigned.

Director Growth Management, Escambia County, Florida. Responsibilities included directing and managing the Escambia County Department of Growth Management, which consisted of the Divisions of Development Services (development order approval), Long-Range Planning (county-wide growth management planning) and Technical Services (management functions); presentations to the Board of County Commissioners and other public groups; and other duties as assigned by the County Administrator.

Of Counsel, Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza, Cole, & Boniske, P.L. Responsibilities included providing legal services to various municipalities regarding land use and local government matters; representing quasi-judicial boards; drafting ordinances and resolutions; researching municipal codes, and other duties as assigned.

Staff Attorney, Second District Court of Appeal. Responsibilities included preparing legal memoranda; reviewing appellate briefs and pleadings; presenting oral argument waived cases to panels of three appellate judges; and assisting in drafting & proofing appellate opinions for the Honorable Judge John Scheb (deceased).

Trial Court Law Clerk, 10th Judicial Circuit. Responsibilities included reviewing civil complaints and pleadings; preparing legal memoranda and providing assistance to several circuit civil judges on complex litigation; and other duties as assigned.

Public Sector Appointments (Former):

Member of the City of Clermont Community Redevelopment Board
Member of the Northwest Florida Water Management District Board
Member of the City of Pensacola Planning Commission

Private Sector Representation (Former):

General Counsel, Maruti Fleet Management, Inc. Responsibilities included management of pending insurance claims with adjusters, mediation and settlement of pending litigation, contract review, and personnel issues.

Risk Manager, Florida Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company. Responsibilities included developing and delivering risk management services to insured attorneys to avoid potential legal malpractice claims; presentation of continuing legal education seminars to attorneys; drafting a risk management newsletter and digital risk alerts.

Associate, Freeman, Haber, Rojas & Stanham, LLP. Responsibilities included closing real estate transactions involving primarily foreign clients; drafting corporate documents, agreements and real estate documents; review of title and land use issues; review of commercial leases; supervision of paralegals; and legal research.

Underwriting Counsel, Attorneys Title Insurance Fund, Inc. Responsibilities included identifying and resolving title defects; teaching attorneys and paralegals real estate closing procedures using ATIDS and DoubleTime software program; publication of legal articles for THE FUND CONCEPT; speaking and participating as a panelist at the Fund's Annual Assembly and Affiliate Assembly; and other duties as assigned.

Title Attorney, Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation. Responsibilities included coordinating and closing commercial real estate transactions; reviewing and preparing real estate documents in conjunction with the issuance of title insurance; responding to underwriting questions; and other duties as assigned.

PROFESSIONAL, COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS, PUBLICATIONS & ACTIVITIES:

CURRENT: Certified as a Labor Relations Professional by the Florida Public Employers Labor Association; Designated a FRA-Redevelopment Professional by the Florida Redevelopment Association; member of the City, County & Local Government Section of The Florida Bar; member of the Environmental and Land Use Section of The Florida Bar; member of the Animal Law Section of The Florida Bar. FORMER: Appointed member of the 18th Judicial Circuit Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee "B"; member of Impact Lake County; member of the South Lake Chamber of Commerce Economic and Policy Committee; Florida Land Use & Environmental Dispute Resolution Special Magistrate for Lake County, Florida, graduate of the City of Oviedo Citizens Police Academy, member of the Executive Council of the City, County and Local Government Section of The Florida Bar; member of the LOMAS Advisory Board; The Florida Bar Convention Committee; former member of The Florida Bar Senior Committee, The Florida Bar Diversity Committee and other local bar associations; Certified Circuit Court Mediator (24865R); participant in the Hillsborough County Guardian Ad Litem Program; co-chair of the International Energy Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; member of Leadership Miami; member of the American Planning Association; chair of the Organizing Committee for the Quietwater Thunder Formula One/Two Power Boat Grand Prix Race-

-Pensacola Sports Association; graduate Leadership Pensacola; adjunct professor for real estate at University of West Florida, Legal Administration Program; member, Junior League of Pensacola; sustainer in Miami Junior League; graduate, City of Pensacola Citizens Police Academy; graduate, Escambia County Sheriff's Citizens Law Enforcement Academy; member of Five Flags Rotary International; member of Panhandle Tiger Bay Club; member Escambia and Santa Rosa County Bar Association; member of Pensacola Runners Association, race director, 1997 Downtown Christmas 5K Run & inaugural 1998 PRA Downtown Christmas Parade Dash; co-author of "Private Property Rights: Regulating the Regulators" published in The Florida Bar Journal, January 1996; Tallahassee Women Lawyers Board Member.

PERSONAL:

Nancy Stuparich is a native Floridian from Tampa, Florida current residence in Clermont, Florida (aka "Choice of Champions"); enjoys travel; runner/triathlete who completed a marathon in all 50 states and participated in several Ironman races (Florida, Brazil, Louisville, Texas, Kalamar), finisher of the Great Floridian Triathlon (Clermont, Florida) and RAGBRAI (Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa), Volunteer at Challenge Daytona, knowledge of conversational Italian & Spanish.

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EDUCATION AND BAR DATA

Law Degree: **Florida State University College of Law
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J.D., *cum laude*
Certificate in Environmental, Natural Resources, & Land Use
Law, with *honors*
Dean's List

Undergraduate Degree: **University of South Florida
Tampa, Florida**
B.A. in Economics and Philosophy, *cum laude*
Dean's List

Member/Admitted: Florida Bar – Admitted and member in good standing – Bar
No. 1025600

PROFESSIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL POSITIONS HELD

Barefoot Bay Recreation District (Brevard County, FL) - Present

General Counsel – As General Counsel to the largest Ch. 418 recreation district in Florida, located in southern Brevard County, responsible for providing legal advice to the district Board of Trustees and other district boards at public meetings, advising all district departments, drafting and reviewing district resolutions and agreements, handling real estate transactions, and conducting litigation on behalf of the district.

Assistant City/Town/Village Attorney (Various Municipalities) - Present

Provides effective legal services and counseling to the cities of Brooksville, Bunnell, Cocoa Beach, Daytona Beach Shores, Oviedo, Rockledge, and South Daytona; and the Village of Indiantown with a client-centered approach. Duties include drafting ordinances, resolutions, policies, agreements, legal memoranda, and other legal documents; representing municipalities throughout all phases of litigation, including developing and executing litigation strategies, drafting motions, pleadings, and written discovery, as well as preparing municipal staff and law enforcement officers for hearings; advising boards on substantive and

procedural legal issues during public hearings and workshops; and representing police departments in civil actions as needed.

Town of Melbourne Village (Brevard County, FL) - Present

Special Magistrate - As the first Code Enforcement Special Magistrate for the Town of Melbourne Village, a near coastal city located near the Indian River Lagoon in Brevard County, responsible for serving as an impartial magistrate to adjudicate violations of the Town's code of ordinances.

Orange County (Orange County, FL) - Present

Litigation Counsel as to Code Enforcement Lien Foreclosures - Duties include drafting pleadings and motions, evaluating the County's code enforcement liens, conducting legal research, and appearing at evidentiary hearings on behalf of Orange County.

Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District

General Counsel - As General Counsel to an independent special district with a population of 9,000, was responsible for providing legal advice to the district Board of Supervisors and other district boards at public meetings as needed, advising all district departments, drafting district and reviewing district resolutions and agreements, handling real estate transactions, and conducting litigation on behalf of the district.

Okeechobee County (Okeechobee, FL)

Assistant County Attorney - Executed comprehensive and quality legal strategies and services for the Board of County Commissioners. Duties included regular representation of the Okeechobee County Construction Industry Licensing Board and the Okeechobee County Planning Board at public hearings; preparing legal documents, including ordinances, resolutions, and contracts; advising and representing the County's building officials regarding the enforcement of the Florida Building Code and the International Property Maintenance Code; assisting in prosecuting code enforcement violations and related appeals; and representing the County in all related appellate litigation.

Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A. (Orlando, FL)

Associate Attorney/ Law Clerk - Represented businesses and individuals in construction and commercial litigation matters. Practice included defending and asserting construction defect claims, including actions for breach of contract, contractual indemnity and defense, and other commercial claims. Drafted legal memoranda, motions, pleadings, and targeted written discovery to further client objectives. Negotiated and secured settlements on behalf of clients. Deposed expert witnesses in large, complex litigation cases. Led pre-trial process in construction defect case resulting in settlement for under targeted amount.

Practiced under supervised practice program while studying for the Florida Bar from May 2020 to November 2020.

City of Tallahassee

City Attorney's Office (Tallahassee, FL) Law Clerk – Provided high-quality research memoranda on a range of legal issues. Drafted pleadings, motions, and written discovery. Attended deposition preparation meetings and observed hearings in federal court. Managed small-claims cases from factual intake phase to initiate litigation. Drafted advisory opinions for city leadership on federal and state constitutional issues. Assisted in developing and executing litigation strategies. Assisted in drafting contracts.

Cobb Cole, P.A. (Daytona Beach, FL)

Summer Associate – Provided high-quality, effective legal services and research for clients over two summers. Executed legal strategies through drafting legal memoranda, motions, pleadings, and written discovery in state and federal court. Attended hearings, mediations, and assisted in settlement negotiations. Drafted contracts. Assisted in preparing development agreement with Florida county for mixed-use project. Interacted with clients regularly and attended client meetings.

RECENT REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Successfully defended municipal client in Florida's Fifth District Court of Appeal on second-tier certiorari review of code enforcement fine reduction hearing concerning a nearly half-million dollar fine.
- Successfully defended county client on direct appeal of Construction Industry Licensing Board Decision in Florida's Fourth District Court of Appeal to uphold the condemnation of numerous structures.
- Successfully defended municipal client on first-tier certiorari review of administrative appeal stemming from decision of Planning Board to deny special exemption permit.
- Successfully defended municipal client on first-tier certiorari review of decision of Board of Adjustment to approve variance for the construction of a dock.
- Successfully defended municipal client on direct appeal of code enforcement decisions concerning non-conforming structures, leading to a creative and advantageous settlement agreement benefiting all parties.
- Successfully defended municipal client on first-tier certiorari review of administrative appeal stemming from decision of Design Review Board.
- Advised special district client on \$30+ million-dollar special assessment program to fund the delivery of water and wastewater improvements; transition to uniform method of collection of assessments.

BAR AND COMMUNITY RELATED ACTIVITIES

City, County & Local Government Law Section of Florida Bar
Environmental and Land Use Law Section of Florida Bar

PERSONAL

A Volusia County native, Garrett exclusively devotes his practice to advising municipalities, counties, and special districts. Garrett offers the firm's local government clients comprehensive representation, including representation in trial and appellate litigation, advising on substantive and procedural issues during public hearings and workshops, and regularly appears on behalf of city and special district clients during public, quasi-judicial hearings before planning and zoning boards, boards of adjustment, and code enforcement boards/special magistrates.

Garrett specializes in defending municipal clients on both direct and certiorari appeals before circuit and district courts across the state. Garrett enjoys the fast-paced, collaborative nature of local government representation and strives to deliver outstanding client-centered legal services to the firm's clients.

When he is not rooting on his South Florida Bulls or Florida State Seminoles, Garrett enjoys cooking, enjoying the outdoors at a golf course or on the water, and spending time with his friends and family.

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Law Degree: Florida Coastal School of Law
Jacksonville, Florida
Juris Doctor, May 2004

Undergraduate Degree: University of Central Florida
Orlando, Florida
B.A. in Legal Studies, May 1998
Dean's List

Member/Admitted: Florida Bar – Admitted and member in good standing – Bar No. 817651
Texas Bar – Inactive – Bar No. 24102728

PROFESSIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL POSITIONS HELD

City of Bunnell, Florida (Bunnell, FL) - Present

City Attorney – As City Attorney to this Flagler County city that serves as county seat and is the second largest city geographically in Florida (after Jacksonville), responsible for providing legal advice to City Commission and other City boards at public meetings as needed, advising all city departments including planning, finance, police, grants, and public works, drafting city ordinances and resolutions, handling real estate transactions, and conducting litigation on behalf of the City.

City of Neptune Beach, Florida (Neptune Beach, FL) - Present

City Attorney – As City Attorney to this beachfront Duval County city, responsible for providing legal advice to City Council and other City boards at public meetings as needed, advising all city departments including planning, finance, police, grants, and public works, drafting city ordinances and resolutions, handling real estate transactions, and conducting litigation on behalf of the City.

City of Orange City, Florida (Orange City, FL) - Present

City Attorney – As City Attorney to this Volusia County city, responsible for providing legal advice to City Council and other City boards at public meetings as needed, advising all city departments including planning, finance, police, grants,

and public works, drafting city ordinances and resolutions, handling real estate transactions, and conducting litigation on behalf of the City.

Assistant City/Town/Village Attorney (Various Municipalities) - Present

Provides effective legal services and counseling to the cities of Daytona Beach Shores, South Daytona, Cocoa Beach, Anna Maria, and Brooksville; the Village of Indiantown, and the Town of Oakland with a client-centered approach. Duties include drafting ordinances, resolutions, policies, agreements, legal memoranda, and other legal documents; representing municipalities throughout all phases of litigation, including developing and executing litigation strategies, drafting motions, pleadings, and written discovery, as well as preparing municipal staff and law enforcement officers for hearings; and advising boards on substantive and procedural legal issues during public hearings and workshops.

Okeechobee County (Okeechobee, FL)

Assistant County Attorney – Executes comprehensive and quality legal strategies and services for the Board of County Commissioners. Duties include preparing legal documents, including ordinances, resolutions, and contracts, and advising and representing County staff.

Vilano Management and Postal Fleet Services (St. Augustine)

Corporate Counsel (2020 – 2022)

- Advise other senior leaders on legal issues involved with operating a \$300M per year transportation company.
- Oversee regulatory compliance and respond to investigations from the Department of Labor that arise from 2,000 employees
- Oversee regulatory compliance and respond to investigations from the Department of Transportation involved with operating a fleet of over 1,500 tractor trailers
- Perform contract negotiations and draft vendor agreements, sub-contracts, real estate leases, employee leasing agreements, and equipment leasing agreements
- Handle personnel matters including disciplinary actions, lay-offs, non-disclosure agreements, draft personnel manuals, and oversee employee health & wellness plans
- Supervise litigation involving alleged wrongful termination (discrimination and retaliation), wage and hour disputes, breach of contract and insurance claims for trucking accidents

Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (Tallahassee)

Deputy Secretary of Professional Regulation (August 2017 – January 2019)

- Agency head in charge of six divisions and 20 professional boards
- Managed the regulation of over 900,000 professionals
- Responsible for the activities of over 450 employees

- Presented before legislative committees and conduct bill analysis

Executive Director, Florida State Boxing Commission (July 2014 - August 2017)

- Coordinated all professional boxing and mixed martial arts events throughout Florida
- Managed over 60 Commission staff and event officials
- Led project to re-write administrative rules governing combat sports
- Supervised sanctioning of reality television series “The Ultimate Fighter”

Deputy General Counsel (June 2013 - August 2014)

- Managed over 50 attorneys and office staff
- Supervised prosecution of 2,500 cases annually before agency’s professional boards
- Acted as legal advisor to General Counsel and senior managers
- Served as informal hearing officer
- Conducted bill analysis, handled legislative requests and responded to media inquiries

Chief Attorney (Oct. 2010 - June 2013)

- Managed over 15 attorneys and office staff
- Supervised prosecution of over 1,000 cases annually
- Conducted hearings before Construction Industry Licensing Board

Staff Attorney (Oct. 2008 - Oct. 2010)

- Prosecuted construction contractors for violations of Florida statutes and administrative rules

**Finlay Property Development, Construction and Property Management (Jacksonville)
Assistant Corporate Counsel (2005 – 2008)**

- Supervised due diligence for tax-credit, construction and perm loan closings
- Litigated cases involving breach of contract, liens and construction defects
- Conducted residential closings for in-house title company (Best American Title)

Biographical Sketch – Paul R. Waters

Paul Waters is a partner with the Vose Law Firm. He serves as City Attorney for the City of Bunnell, City Attorney for the City of Neptune Beach, City Attorney for the City of Orange City, and as an assistant city/county attorney for each of the firm’s other local government clients. Since joining the firm in 2022, Mr. Waters has handled most of the firm’s appeals, including a recent victory after oral argument before the Sixth District Court of Appeals that upheld the validity of the City of Naples’ fertilizer ordinance. This ruling paved the way for other local governments to maintain clean water free from harmful pollutants that cause algae blooms, fish kills and pose human health risks. In addition, Mr. Waters successfully defended a petition for writ of certiorari challenging a city’s decision to deny a development permit application. He also litigates other permit denial cases and code enforcement lien foreclosures.

Mr. Waters has a wealth of government legal representation experience, having held various supervisory legal and executive positions within the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) over an eleven-year period. He served as Deputy Secretary, which is the Agency's most senior position in charge of regulating almost one million licensees and 20 of the State's largest regulatory boards, many that directly impact local governments, including the Construction Industry Licensing Board, the Building Code Commission, the Building Code Administrators Board, and the Real Estate Commission just to name a few.

As Deputy Secretary, Mr. Waters often testified before legislative committees and met daily with legislators and senior gubernatorial staff to resolve complex policy and legal issues. In addition, Mr. Waters served as Deputy General Counsel, which is the lead attorney in charge of seventy prosecuting attorneys and support staff which prosecuted thousands of cases annually before the Agency's boards and the Division of Administrative Hearings. He also served as the Executive Director of the Florida Athletic Commission, which oversaw all professional boxing and MMA events held in the State, many of which were major televised events including the sanctioning of the reality television show "The Ultimate Fighter."

Finally, Mr. Waters served as the Agency's informal hearing officer for a contentious casino license denial case. The case made its way to the Florida Supreme Court, which upheld Mr. Waters' decision and legal analysis.

After leaving DBPR and prior to working for the firm, Mr. Waters served three years as General Counsel for a national transportation company, which was the second largest government contractor for the United States Post Office. In that role, he oversaw regulatory compliance with federal and state departments of labor and departments of transportation arising from over 2,000 employees and 1,500 tractor trailers. Mr. Waters settled lawsuits involving wrongful termination for alleged discrimination, alleged retaliatory firings of whistleblowers, and allegations of hostile work environment. He was instrumental in the dismissal of a Department of Justice investigation involving alleged unpaid fringe benefits and wages. Finally, Mr. Waters managed outside insurance attorneys defending the company in truck accident lawsuits, some of which involved fatalities.

After graduating the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Legal Studies from the University of Central Florida, Mr. Waters served as an environmental and zoning code enforcement officer for Volusia County where he enforced one of Florida's first sea turtle lighting ordinances that "darkened" almost 36 miles of Volusia's beachfront, a very controversial program at the time. It was that experience of presenting cases before Volusia County's Code Enforcement Board that led Mr. Waters to attend law school at the Florida Coastal School of law, where he received the degree of Juris Doctor.

Mr. Waters is licensed in Florida and Texas (inactive), and he is a member of the Middle District of Florida's Federal Court Bar. He is also a member of the Volusia County Bar Association. While not working, Mr. Waters enjoys spending time outdoors with his wife and 16-year-old son surfing, fishing, and jogging.

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Law Degree: **University of Florida College of Law**
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J.D. with Honors
Certificate in Real Estate and Land Use Law

Undergraduate Degree: **University of Hawaii**
Honolulu, Hawaii
B.A. in English and Spanish
Sigma Delta Pi National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society

Member/Admitted: Florida Bar – Member in Good Standing – Bar No. 1025182

LAW SCHOOL POSITIONS, ACTIVITIES, AND HONORS

Environmental and Land Use Law J.D. Fellowship
University of Florida Levin College of Law President's Scholarship
Book Award in Florida Administrative Law
Teaching Assistant for Conservation Real Estate and Legal Writing
Study Abroad, University of Costa Rica, International Environmental Law
Journal of Technology Law and Policy

PROFESSIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL POSITIONS HELD

Town Attorney – Town of Oakland, Florida. Present.

Provide comprehensive legal services to the Town of Oakland, a growing municipality in northwest Orange County. Attend all town meetings and provide the majority of legal services for the municipality.

Assistant City/Village Attorney (Various Municipalities) Present

Responsible for providing legal services to the cities of Anna Maria, Cocoa Beach, South Daytona, and Brooksville; and the Village of Indiantown. Duties include all legal work including, but not limited to, the drafting of ordinances, resolutions, policies, agreements, legal memoranda, and other legal documents; representation of municipalities in litigation and other legal disputes; participation in public

hearings and workshops of the governing body; and providing written and oral legal opinions to municipal staff and public officials.

Monroe County (Key West, FL) Present

Special Counsel as to Code Enforcement Foreclosure – Duties include drafting pleadings and motions, evaluating the County’s code enforcement liens, conducting legal research, and appearing at hearings on behalf of Monroe County.

Okeechobee County (Okeechobee, FL)

Deputy County Attorney – Duties include assisting the County Attorney with providing comprehensive and quality legal services to the Board of County Commissioners; drafting and review of documents, including ordinances, resolutions, policies, and contracts; and attendance at public hearings before the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate and Construction Industry Licensing Board.

Salter Feiber, P.A. (Gainesville, FL)

Law Clerk – Responsible for conducting legal research; drafting legal memoranda; reviewing real estate contracts, land surveys, title reports, and real property encumbrances; and assisting supervising attorneys with the drafting of pleadings and motions, as well as contracts, easements and other transactional documents.

Florida Division of Administrative Hearings (Tallahassee, FL)

Judicial Law Clerk – Clerked for Administrative Law Judge Cathy Sellers. Responsible for conducting legal research, drafting legal memoranda and final orders, reviewing evidence and proposed orders, and assisting the Administrative Law Judge through hearings conducted pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

Alachua Conservation Trust (Alachua, FL)

Legal Intern – Responsible for conducting legal research; reviewing title reports; drafting conservation easements, option contracts, and legal memoranda; and preparing conservation easement baseline documentation reports prior to closing.

BAR AND COMMUNITY RELATED ACTIVITIES

Florida Bar Section and Division Memberships:

City, County & Local Government Law Section of Florida Bar
Environmental and Land Use Law Section of Florida Bar
Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law (“RPPTL”) Section of Florida Bar
Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar

Real Property Litigation Committee (“RPPTL” Section)

Volunteer Assistant – Assisted Committee Chair and Legislative Co-Liaison with evaluating proposed legislation affecting real property transactions and litigation. Prepared and gave presentations at Section/Committee meetings in order to educate Section members and evaluate their support for the proposed legislation.

LANGUAGE ABILITIES

Spanish – Conversational. While studying abroad in law school, analyzed Costa Rican environmental resource management law in order to develop recommendations for the management and conservation of the Tempisque Watershed and Parque Nacional Palo Verde, a national park designated to be a wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention and listed in the Montreux.

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Law Degree: **University of Florida Levin College of Law**
Gainesville, Florida
J.D., *cum laude*
Top 10% of Class
Dean's List and President's Honor Roll

Undergraduate Degree: **University of Central Florida**
Orlando, Florida
B.S. in Psychology, *cum laude*
Burnett Honors College
Honors in the Major
Minor in Crime, Law, and Deviance
Certificate in Behavioral Forensics
Psi Chi Honors Society

Member/ Admitted: Florida Bar – Member in Good Standing – Bar No. 1032129

LAW SCHOOL POSITIONS, ACTIVITIES, AND HONORS

Order of the Coif
University of Florida Levin College of Law President's Scholarship
Book Award in Appellate Advocacy
Teaching Assistant for Legal Writing and Appellate Advocacy
Florida Law Review, Managing Editor
Vice President of the Criminal Law Association

PROFESSIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL POSITIONS HELD

Assistant City/Village Attorney (Various Municipalities) Present

Responsible for providing legal services to the cities of Anna Maria, Brooksville, Bunnell, Cocoa Beach, Daytona Beach Shores, Oviedo, Rockledge, and South Daytona; the Village of Indiantown; and the Town of Fort Myers Beach. Duties include all legal work including, but not limited to, drafting ordinances, resolutions, polices, agreements, legal memoranda, and other legal documents;

representation of municipalities across all stages of litigation, including appellate litigation and other legal disputes; participation in public hearings and workshops of the governing body; providing written and oral legal opinions to municipal staff and public officials; and advising boards on substantive and procedural legal issues during public hearings and workshops. Guides and represents municipalities through union-related issues heard by the Public Employees Relation Commission (PERC).

Okeechobee County (Okeechobee, FL)

Deputy County Attorney – Provides comprehensive and quality legal services to the Board of County Commissioners. Duties include preparation and review of legal documents, including ordinances, resolutions, policies, and contracts; attendance at public hearings before the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate; and assisting in prosecuting code enforcement violations.

Counsel to the Okeechobee County Canvassing Board – Provides legal services, including written and oral legal opinions, to the Okeechobee County Canvassing Board and attends public meetings.

2024 Orange County Charter Review Commission (Orlando, FL)

Deputy General Counsel – Conducted research and prepared written legal opinions to assist the General Counsel in advising the 2024 Orange County Charter Review Commission (“CRC”) as to the legality and constitutionality of CRC actions and proposed charter amendments. Compiled, analyzed, and summarized data from historical documents, special laws, and local government charters throughout Florida.

2024 Pinellas County Charter Review Commission (Clearwater, FL)

Deputy General Counsel – Conducted research and prepared written legal opinions to assist the General Counsel in advising the 2024 Pinellas County Charter Review Commission (“CRC”) as to the legality and constitutionality of CRC actions and proposed charter amendments. Compiled, analyzed, and summarized data from historical documents, special laws, and local government charters throughout Florida.

Rohe Law, P.A. (Tavares, FL)

Summer Associate/Associate Attorney – Represented clients at various stages of family law litigation. Represented clients at fact-intensive hearings, including temporary relief hearings concerning alimony, timesharing, and child support. Drafted pleadings, motions, stipulations, proposed orders, and discovery requests and responses. Negotiated on behalf of clients at settlement conferences and mediations. Drafted settlement agreements to creatively resolve cases involving complex legal and factual issues. Second chaired dissolution of marriage trial involving minor children with psychological experts. Researched complex issues

concerning a variety of areas of law including family law, constitutional law, real property, trusts, and corporations. Drafted clear and organized memoranda analyzing research findings.

Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Clinic (Gainesville, FL)

Certified Legal Intern – Provided legal assistance to indigent survivors of domestic violence. Interviewed clients and developed safety plans tailored to each client’s needs. Drafted pleadings and represented clients in court proceedings.

University of Florida, Levin College of Law (Gainesville, FL)

Research Assistant – Researched and analyzed complex legal and psychological issues, including the applicability of the insanity defense to police officers with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Drafted detailed memoranda on findings.

Office of the State Attorney, Eighth Judicial Circuit (Gainesville, FL)

Summer Intern – Researched and analyzed case and statutory law to assist attorneys in prosecuting criminal felony cases. Analyzed and summarized evidence in preparation for litigation.

BAR AND COMMUNITY RELATED ACTIVITIES

City, County & Local Government Law Section of Florida Bar

Environmental and Land Use Law Section of Florida Bar

Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar

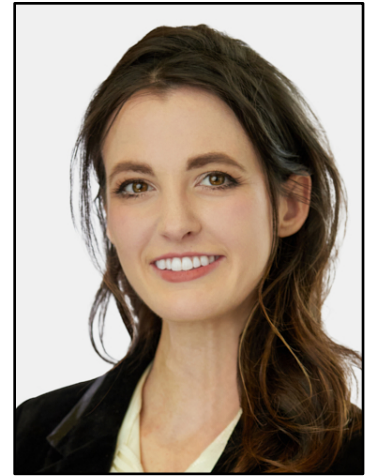
PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

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EDUCATION AND BAR DATA

Law Degree: **Stetson University College of Law
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J.D., *cum laude*
Top 25% of Class
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Undergraduate Degree: **University of Central Florida
Orlando, Florida**
B.S. in Marketing
Dean's List

Member/Admitted: Florida Bar – Member in Good Standing – Bar No. 1050253

LAW SCHOOL POSITIONS, ACTIVITIES, AND HONORS

William C. Vis Int'l Commercial Arbitration Moot Team, Student Coach & Team Captain
Dispute Resolution Board
Research Assistant for Law Through the Lens of Poetry
Teaching Assistant for International Sales Law & Arbitration
Stetson Ambassadors, Deputy Chair of Program Development
Stephanie A. Vaughan Excellence in Advocacy Award

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD

Assistant City/Village Attorney (Various Municipalities) Present

Responsible for providing legal services to the cities of Anna Maria, Brooksville, Bunnell, Cocoa Beach, Daytona Beach Shores, Oviedo, Rockledge, and South Daytona; the Village of Indiantown; and the Town of Fort Myers Beach. Duties include all legal work including, but not limited to, drafting ordinances, resolutions, policies, agreements, legal memoranda, and other legal documents; representation of municipalities across all stages of litigation, including appellate litigation and other legal disputes; participation in public hearings and workshops of the governing body; providing written and oral legal opinions to municipal staff and public officials; and advising boards on substantive and procedural legal

issues during public hearings and workshops. Guides and represents municipalities through union-related issues heard by the Public Employees Relation Commission (PERC).

Akerman, LLP (Orlando, FL)

Summer Associate/Associate Attorney – Managed docket of complex commercial litigation matters, including high-profile art fraud, business litigation disputes valued in excess of seven figures, negotiation of settlement, and judgment enforcement proceedings. Engaged in motion practice and advocacy in various litigation arenas, including commercial tenant/landlord litigation, franchise law, business contract disputes, insurance disputes, and personal injury. Researched complex legal issues and applied legal arguments in multiple national jurisdictions.

Doyle Conflict Resolution (Naples, FL)

Law Clerk – Acted in advisory capacity to arbitrator in granting awards by analyzing, reviewing, and presenting determinations of fact and law. Drafted non-binding arbitration court orders with attention to strict deadlines.

The Law Offices of Hoyt & Bryan, LLC (Oviedo, FL)

Law Clerk – Implemented and trained office in new digital system for tracking probate processes. Edited and wrote new content for partners' line of estate planning client-advising books. Researched relevant case law and legal developments in areas of Elder Law, Pet Law, and Wills, Trusts & Estates including for presentation at the 2021 Annual Florida Bar Convention and 2021 Western CPE Conference.

BAR AND COMMUNITY RELATED ACTIVITIES

Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar

Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law Section of the Florida Bar

PUBLICATIONS

COLLATERAL DAMAGE: A Novel; Parliament House (2019); ISBN: 987-0578457321
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REFERENCES



Local Government Client References

City of Cocoa Beach – City Attorney

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City of Anna Maria – City Attorney

P.O. Box 779, Anna Maria, FL 34216

Contact: Mark Short, Mayor

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Town of Fort Myers Beach – Town Attorney

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Contact: Karen Woodson, Town Council Member

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City of Brooksville – City Attorney

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FEE PROPOSAL



Fee Proposal

**\$20,000 per month,
all-inclusive including most Litigation**

The Vose Law Firm proposes to provide unlimited and complete City Attorney legal services to the City of Edgewater, including most litigation, for \$20,000 per month. That lump sum fee would include all the services described in the Request for Proposals, attendance at meetings, most litigation (including oversight and monitoring of litigation covered by insurance defense), and representation of the City's enterprise funds, but does not include serving as Special Magistrate (which legally cannot be provided by either an inside or outside City Attorney due to conflict issues), insurance defense litigation, developer-related pass-through fees (discussed below), specified litigation described below, and general bond counsel work. Fees for local bond counsel work would be calculated as 40% of bond counsel fees and would be paid out of bond proceeds. After the first year of services, our flat fee would adjust upwards by CPI.

Litigation defending matters relating to SB 180, and litigation arising as a result of not following rendered legal advice would be paid separately at a rate of \$275 per hour. Otherwise, litigation expenses would be included in the all-inclusive monthly rate.

There would be no additional billing for any ancillary legal services, research expenses (such as Westlaw/Lexis fees), travel or miscellaneous expenses, (copying, phone, fax, courier, etc.) and no other costs or expenses, (other than the pre-approved out of pocket expenses mentioned below), that would be billed separately. There would be no other expenses or fees charged, regardless of the time needed or complexity involved in any legal matter. Pre-approved out of pocket costs, (such as court filing fees, and court reporter fees), would be billed at cost, with no mark-up or multiplier. Developer-related attorney fees that are charged to developers under a City pass-through fee schedule/ordinance would be billed at a rate comparable to developer counsel rates, and those fees would then be paid to our firm, resulting in no net budget impact on the City.

Our flat fee proposal would give budgetary control as to City Attorney and litigation attorney expenses of the City, while providing unlimited access to the best local government legal talent available in the state.

Hiring our firm on a flat fee is the equivalent of having a large in-house legal staff at a small fraction of the cost. From our experience, litigation cannot always be avoided, and sometimes litigation is needed to proactively protect the best interests of the city. Those are the times when legal expenses can get out of hand if the city is paying for its

legal services by the hour. Our clients believe that it is a wise choice to pay a flat fee that includes most litigation fees each month to ensure budgetary certainty and prevent the frightening experience of out of control legal costs. Many governmental agencies with attorneys who charge an hourly rate can suffer “sticker shock” when unexpected litigation occurs, or a unique and time-consuming legal issue arises, and legal fees get extremely high. Our fixed fee structure (including day to day legal services, most litigation and all special projects) protects our governmental clients from such an experience. Having a law firm that does not charge additional fees for most litigation can also be extremely helpful in negotiating a resolution of a dispute. When one side of a dispute is not fearful of runaway legal fees, (such as a local government with a fixed fee attorney contract including litigation), and the other side has such fears, the non-fearful party definitely has a “leg-up” in the negotiations.

Our fixed fee arrangement would provide budgetary certainty and would result in the City of Edgewater having *unlimited* access to and support from eight (8) highly skilled and experienced local government attorneys. This arrangement would take the fear of most litigation costs out of the equation when third parties threaten litigation if the City does not meet the demands of that third party.

The attorneys of the Vose Law Firm have realized over the years that an all-inclusive retainer results in more frequent contact between the attorneys on one side, and the staff and elected officials on the other, which almost always results in less “false starts,” and unintentional legal errors by staff. The end result of having the government’s lawyers involved in projects and work from the very beginning, is that litigation is avoided, and legal work to “fix” a problem is kept to a minimum. The attorneys of the Vose Law Firm wish to truly be a part of the City of Edgewater and work diligently to keep the City out of trouble and ensure the smooth running of the City without unnecessary litigation or problems.

The attorneys of our firm understand that a governmental entity that has a reputation of vigorously defending its interests will be the object of fewer lawsuits. Therefore, our firm strives to maintain the delicate balance of providing legal advice that serves the best interests of the government while avoiding unnecessary litigation. But if litigation becomes necessary, the Vose Law Firm vigorously provides a strong and effective offense or defense as needed. It is our firm’s belief that our best interests are inexorably tied to the best interests of our clients. **If our clients benefit, so do we!**