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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Local Government & Special Districts, Administrative, Civil Litigation & Appeals, Legislative & Governmental Affairs, Water Resources, Water Utilities and Ports, Airports & Infrastructure

- Admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky and the Middle District of Florida and the Supreme Courts of Florida and Kentucky.

PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- AV-Rating, Martindale-Hubbell.
- Florida Certified Circuit Court Mediator.
- Florida Board Certified, City, County and Local Government Law.
- Florida Board Certified, Civil Trial Law (1985-2010).
- Florida Bar, City, County & Local Government Law Section, Member, Past Chair and Executive Council Chairman, 1982.
- The Florida Bar Certification Committee, City, County & Local Government Law, Chairman, 1994-1999.
- The Florida Bar, Board of Legal Specialization and Education, Member, 1999 to 2005.
- The Florida Bar, Ralph A. Marsicano Award, 1997 – Contributions to Local Government Law.
- The Florida Bar, Paul S. Buchman Award, 1996.
- American Bar Association, Member.
- The Kentucky Bar, Member.
- Florida Association of County Attorneys, President and Chairman of Board of Directors, 1991-1992.
- Twelfth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee, Chairman and Member, 1990.
- Warren E. Goodrich-William C. Grimes American Inns of Court, President & Executive Committee, 1996.
- Manatee County Bar Association, Member; Board of Directors, 1989-1990.
- Legal Aid of Manasota, Inc., Past President, Board of Directors, Member Ex-Officio.
- Stetson University College of Law, Adjunct Professor of Law.
- Manatee County Bar Association, 2007 William C. Grimes Award for Lifetime Achievement in Community Service.
- Florida Association of County Attorneys President's Award, 1996.
- Florida Association of County Attorneys Local Government Law Award, 1992.
- University of South Florida at Sarasota/Manatee, Community Leadership Council, Member.
- University of Kentucky National Alumni Association, Life Member.
- Manatee County Coalition on Homelessness, Board Member.
- Vestry, Lay Reader, Usher, Chancellor and Past Senior Warden, Christ Episcopal Church.
- Diocesan Council, Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida, Member.

- Masonic Lodge, Member.
- Manatee Chamber of Commerce Water Resource Committee, Chair.
- Kiwanis Club of Bradenton.
- Leadership Manatee Alumni.
- Recipient of Manatee County Volunteer Service Award, 2003-2006.
- Florida Super Lawyers 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- U.S. Army, Captain (Armor) 1957-1961.
- U.S. Magistrate Judge, Western District of Kentucky, 1971-1975.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Kentucky College of Law, 1963.
- B.A., University of Kentucky, 1957.