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Biography



Ms. Durden's practice focuses on governmental, land use, environmental and administrative law. Her clients include landowners, developers, local governments, banks, manufacturers, industrial and educational facilities in matters related to land development, community redevelopment, real estate transactions, hazardous materials, brownfields, contamination and remedial actions, solid waste and air quality regulation. Ms. Durden has experience in transactional due diligence, administrative, environmental and land use litigation. She is AV-Rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been listed in the *Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law, and Real Estate Litigation for many years. She received the *Ultimate Attorney Award* from the Jacksonville Business Journal in 2018.

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Ms. Durden serves as the City Attorney to Atlantic Beach, Florida. She is the current President of the Florida Redevelopment Association and has served on that Board of Directors since 2010. She previously served on the Board of the First Coast Manufacturers Association. In 2016, she was appointed by the City of Jacksonville to the Board of the Downtown Investment Authority.

Ms. Durden is very involved with Urban Land Institute North Florida District, currently serving as a member of the Advisory Board, the Center for Leadership Committee, the Program Committee and the Women's Leadership Initiative Committee, previous member of the Management Committee, previous Treasurer and past chair of the Women's Leadership Initiative Committee.

Ms. Durden is a member of Leadership Florida's Class of 2012. She previously chaired the Jacksonville Community Council's 2002 Clean City Study, and is a former President of the Florida Planning & Zoning Association (Northeast Chapter) and former Chair of the Jacksonville Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section. Prior to entering law school, she was a city planner, working in San Luis Obispo, California and Sarasota, Florida. Ms. Durden is a 1985 graduate of the University of Florida College of Law.





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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Represents public and private clients in matters related to land development and sustainability, community redevelopment, transportation, zoning, comprehensive planning, campus master plans, water supply, port plans, real estate transactions, developments of regional impact, vested rights and concurrency, historic preservation, water law (surface and groundwater, stormwater management, consumptive use, wetlands and submerged lands), hazardous materials and contamination, remedial actions, solid waste, underground storage tanks and wastewater disposal.
- Diverse experience with entitlements, permitting, compliance, transactional due diligence, litigation (including land use, Superfund and enforcement litigation), legislation and administrative rule making.
- Serves as the City Attorney for the City of Atlantic Beach, Florida.

PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- The Florida Bar: Environmental and Land Use Law Section; City, County and Local Government Law Section; and Administrative Law Section, Member.
- Jacksonville Downtown Investment Authority, Board of Directors, 2016-present.
- Florida Redevelopment Association
 - President, 2017-2018.
 - Northeast Florida Regional Representative, 2005-2010.
 - Board of Directors, 2010-present; Treasurer, 2015-2016; Vice President, 2016-2017.

PRACTICES

- Environmental and Natural Resources Law
- Land Use Law and Real Estate Law
- Governmental Law

INDUSTRIES

- Manufacturing
- Real Estate Development
- Transportation and Infrastructure
- Utilities
- Government

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Florida College of Law, 1985
- California Polytechnic University, Post-Graduate Studies in Urban and Regional Planning, 1978-1980
- B.A., University of South Florida, 1974



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- Northeast Florida League of Cities, Member, 1995-present.
- Florida Municipal Attorneys Association, Member.
- Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Trust Fund Advisory Committee, Member, 2010-2016.
- First Coast Manufacturers Association, Board of Directors, 2013-2015.
- Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair, Board Member, 2003-2012.
- Leadership Florida, Class XXX (2012).
- Leadership Jacksonville, Class of 1998.
- Urban Land Institute North Florida District Council
 - The Center for Leadership Committee, 2018-present.
 - Chair, Women’s Leadership Initiative Committee, 2015-2016.
 - Management Committee, 2013-2016.
 - Advisory Board, 2010-present.
 - Treasurer, 2005-2010.
 - Co-Chair, Reality Check First Coast, a regional visioning initiative, 2008-2009.
- Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Study Commission, Planning Committee Member, 2011-2013.
- Jacksonville Bar Association, Member and former Chair of the Environmental and Land Use Law Section, 2000-2001.
- Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce, Speaker’s Bureau for the “Vote No on Amendment 4” Campaign, Chair, 2009-2010.
- Jacksonville Community Council, Inc., Chair, “Making Jacksonville a Clean City” Study, 2002.
- Jacksonville Beach Elementary Preservation Fund, Inc. and the Rhoda L. Martin Cultural Heritage Center, Legal Counsel (Pro-Bono), 2000-2016.
- Jacksonville Women’s Network, Member.
- American Planning and Florida Planning and Zoning Associations, Member.
- Frequent speaker at statewide conferences on land use and environmental subjects.
- Co-Author: Waiting for the Go: Concurrency, Takings and the Property Rights Act, *Nova Law Review*, Vol. 20, No. 2, Winter 1996.

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Shareholder/Associate, Mahoney, Adams & Criser, P.A., 1987-1997.
- Assistant Counsel, Office of General Counsel, City of Jacksonville, 1985-1987.
- City Planner, San Luis Obispo, California, and Sarasota, Florida, 1977-1983.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Martindale Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated.
- Best Lawyers in America, Real Estate Law and Real Estate Litigation since 2006, Land Use and Zoning Law, 2009-2010, 2013-present.
- Ultimate Attorney Award, Jacksonville Business Journal, 2018.

