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Meredith S. Delcamp is a partner in the Tampa and Sarasota offices of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where she is a member of the Business Litigation Practice Group.

Meredith assists property owners, developers and businesses in a variety of transactional and litigation matters related to real property. Meredith has experience assisting clients in a variety of environmental regulatory and transactional matters, including assisting with due diligence, permitting and federal, state and local government compliance matters. Meredith has obtained Site Rehabilitation Completion Orders from the FDEP for her clients, both without conditions and with conditions, such as institutional and engineering controls designed to limit risk exposure which are imposed through restrictive covenants. Meredith additionally has experience litigating environmental matters, including those under NEPA, the Clean Water Act, including Section 404 wetlands permitting, CERCLA, including Superfund liability, cost recovery and third-party claims, as well as those under Florida law, including Chapter 376, F.S, and common law claims.

Meredith's land use practice involves representing developers, land owners and business owners before county and municipal governments, including zoning boards and commission/council members, to obtain rezoning, variance, special exception, site plan and other development approvals, as well as to conduct in depth due diligence review regarding prospective developments. Meredith maintains good relationships with land use planners, engineers and other consultants to support her land use practice throughout Florida, but specifically within Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas and Sarasota counties. In addition to representing a variety of private developers, Meredith has represented public and private utilities, national grocery store chains, and non-profit organizations such as Mote Marine Laboratory in seeking land use approvals associated with their operations.

Meredith is also an environmental, land use and real estate litigator, focusing on matters involving environmental contamination, including those involving CERCLA and Chapter 376, Florida Statutes, as well as land use litigation involving both obtaining development entitlements as well as challenges to those

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entitlements, pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, as well as the Bert J. Harris Act. Meredith also has experience litigating administrative challenges before the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH).

Meredith's real estate litigation practice includes representation of public and private corporations, REITs, and private equity funds in matters related to title defects, boundary disputes, contract disputes, homeowners' associations and other property owners' associations, leasing and landlord/tenant disputes, eminent domain/inverse condemnation, and construction defects, as well code enforcement actions with local governments.

Meredith also has experience with LEED certification and other green development and building needs. She holds a certificate in Environmental Law from Tulane University Law School.

Practice Areas

- Environmental
- Litigation
- Administrative Law and Licensing
- Real Estate
- Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation
- Licensing
- Land Use & Zoning

Accolades

- Real Estate Department of the Year, Daily Business Review, 2016
- Rising Star, *Super Lawyers*, 2013-2020

Education

- Tulane University Law School, *magna cum laude*, J.D., 2005
 - Tulane Law Review
 - Environmental Law Certificate
- Coastal Carolina University, *magna cum laude*, B.S., 2002
 - B.S. in Biology and Marine Science
 - Sigma Zeta Beta Mu

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Court Admissions

- All Florida State Courts
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida

Professional and Civic

- National Rental Home Council, Operations Committee Co-Chair, 2018
- Tampa Bay Association of Environmental Professionals
- Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association
- Tampa Bay Watch
- Adjunct Professor, University of South Florida, Environmental Law, Spring 2010
- International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)
- Tampa Bay Builders Association
- S. Green Building Council, Central Florida Chapter
- Florida Bar
 - Environmental and Land Use Section
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
 - Law Week Committee
 - Co-Chair, Eminent Domain Committee, 2013-2014
- Family Forum Clinic

Presentations

- "Follow the Money to the End: Capital Investment and Managing Environmental Risk," Florida Chamber Foundation's Environmental Permitting Summer School Conference, Marco Island, 2019
- The Anatomy of the SFR Deal, Single Family Rental Investment Forum, Miami, 2017
- Green Building in the Sunshine State, St. Petersburg Bar Association

Publications

- Florida's Credit Card Surcharge Prohibition Found Unconstitutional (2016)



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Daniel Nordby is a partner in the Tallahassee office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Appellate Practice Group. His practice focuses on high-profile, high stakes matters of law and public policy, particularly in the areas of constitutional, appellate and administrative law.

Over the course of his career, Daniel has developed extensive experience in the area of government and administrative law. He is a Past Chair of the Florida Bar's Administrative Law Section and has served on the Section's Executive Council for more than a decade. Daniel has represented clients in some of Florida's largest competitive procurements and has served as counsel of record in a variety of administrative and judicial proceedings involving the application of constitutional and administrative law principles. He has personally presented oral argument on multiple occasions before the Florida Supreme Court, Florida's First District Court of Appeal, and the Federal Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit on high-profile matters of constitutional law. A representative list of Daniel's reported opinions in the state and federal courts is available [here](#).

Daniel draws on his prior service in the public sector when representing businesses, individuals and governmental clients on their most challenging legal issues. As General Counsel to then-Governor Rick Scott from 2017-2019, Daniel provided oversight and strategic direction for all major litigation involving Florida's executive branch agencies and advised Governor Scott on the appointment of more than 100 judges to Florida's trial and appellate courts. Daniel's career also includes service as General Counsel to the Florida House of Representatives, General Counsel to Florida's Secretary of State, Assistant General Counsel to the Florida Department of Education, and Staff Attorney to the Florida Legislature's Joint Administrative Procedures Committee.

Daniel continues his public service as a gubernatorial appointee to the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission. After serving on the Commission from 2012-2018 as a direct appointee of Governor Scott, Daniel was appointed by Governor DeSantis in July 2019 to a third term. He currently serves as Chair of the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission.

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Daniel is also involved with several non-profit and community groups. He is a graduate of Leadership Florida (Connect VI), a member of Florida Blue Key, a member of the American Enterprise Institute's Leaders Network, and a member of the James Madison Institute's Inaugural Class of Leaders Fellows. Daniel is on the Steering Committee of the Tallahassee Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies and is a Past President of both its Tallahassee Lawyers Chapter and University of Florida Student Chapter. Daniel is an Eagle Scout and attends St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral in Tallahassee.

Daniel is a "triple-Gator" with three degrees from the University of Florida: a J.D. (with high honors), a B.S. in Microbiology and Cell Science, and a B.A. in Classical Studies. He has been recognized as a Florida Super Lawyers "Rising Star" and has been named to the roster of Florida Legal Elite by Florida Trend magazine in the categories of "Government & Administrative Law," "Best Government & Non-Profit Attorneys," and "Best Up & Coming Attorneys."

Practice Areas

- Administrative Law and Licensing
- Appellate
- Government Law
- Licensing
- Litigation
- Political Law

Industry Focus

- Government

Accolades

- Super Lawyers: Rising Star (2017, 2016, 2015)
- *Florida Trend's* Florida Legal Elite
 - Appellate Practice (2020)
 - Best Government & Non-Profit Attorneys (2018, 2014, 2013, 2012)
 - Best Government & Administrative Law Attorneys (2017, 2016, 2019)
 - Best Up & Coming Attorneys (2011, 2010, 2009)

Education

- University of Florida College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2005

- University of Florida, B.A., Classical Studies, 2001
- University of Florida, B.S., Microbiology & Cell Science, 2001

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida

Professional and Civic

- Administrative Law Section of the Florida Bar
 - Executive Council Member (2006-Present)
 - Chair (2014-2015)
- Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies
 - Tallahassee Lawyers Chapter, Steering Committee (2006-Present); Past President (2007-2011)
- Leadership Florida
 - Connect Florida Statewide Leadership Institute (Class VI, 2015-2016)
- Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission (2012-2019)
- James Madison Institute
 - Leaders Fellow (Inaugural Class, 2014-15)
- First District Appellate American Inn of Court
 - Barrister Member (2014-2017)

Reported Opinions

* Indicates lead counsel responsibility, **BOLD** Indicates oral argument presented

****Florida Dep't of Transportation and Florida House of Representatives v. Miami-Dade County Expressway Authority***, 2020 WL 3456675 (Fla. 1st DCA June 25, 2020)

- Represented Florida Department of Transportation in original action for prohibition challenging trial court's jurisdiction to consider constitutional claims against the Department.

Advisory Op. to Att’y Gen. re Prohibits Possession of Defined Assault Weapons, 2020 WL 2960236 (Fla. June 4, 2020)

- Represented trade association in successful challenge to proposed constitutional amendment addressing firearms.

Point Conversions, LLC v. Pfeffer & Marin Holdings, 45 Fla. L. Weekly D1004 (Fla. 3d DCA Apr. 29, 2020)

- Represented respondent in successful defense of mandamus action challenging trial court’s dismissal of complaint.

Advisory Op. to Att’y Gen. re All Voters Vote in Primary Elections for State Legislature, Governor, and Cabinet, 287 So. 3d 1256 (Fla. 2020)

- Represented political party in challenge to proposed constitutional amendment addressing “top-two” primary.

**Advisory Op. to Att’y Gen. re Right to Competitive Energy Market for Customers of Investor-Owned Utilities*, 45 Fla. L. Weekly S1 (Fla. Jan. 9, 2020)

- Represented trade associations in opposition to proposed constitutional amendment providing for electric utility deregulation.

**L3Harris Technologies, Inc. v. Dept. of Management Services*, 279 So. 3d 648 (Fla. 1st DCA 2019)

- Successfully defended \$680MM contract award for development of statewide law enforcement radio system following competitive procurement and bid protest.

**Scott v. Hinkle*, 2018 WL 6253291 (Fla. 1st DCA Nov. 30, 2018) •

- Represented Governor in successful defense of challenge to financial disclosure under Florida’s qualified blind trust law.

**Trotti v. Scott*, 2018 WL 6167830 (Fla. Nov. 26, 2018); and **Scott v. Trotti*, 43 Fla. L. Weekly D1691 (Fla. 1st DCA July 26, 2018)

- Represented Governor at trial court, appellate court, and Supreme Court levels in successful defense of constitutional challenge to gubernatorial appointment power to fill vacancy on the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

**League of Women Voters of Fla. v. Scott*, 2018 WL 6010744 (Nov. 16, 2018)

- Represented Governor in successful defense of extraordinary writ challenges in Florida Supreme Court to authority of Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission to certify nominations before occurrence of physical vacancies in judicial office.

***League of Women Voters of Fla. v. Scott**, 2018 WL 6025856 (N.D. Fla. Nov. 15, 2018)

- Represented Governor in successful defense of emergency motion for preliminary injunction regarding conduct and oversight of 2018 General Election and statewide recounts.

***Bogorff v. Scott**, 223 So. 3d 1000 (Fla. 2017)

- Represented Governor in successful defense of original action for mandamus in Florida Supreme Court seeking invalidation of gubernatorial line-item veto to 2017 General Appropriations Act.

Jackson v. Scott et al., Case No. 2018-CA-4630 (Fla. 4th Cir. Sept. 26, 2018)

- Represented Governor in successful defense of appointment to fill vacancy on Jacksonville City Council during pendency of a council member's suspension.

***Rosen Gonzalez v. Scott**, Case No. 2018-CA-860 (Fla. 2d Cir. Apr. 26, 2018)

- Represented Governor in successful defense of constitutional challenge by Congressional candidate to Florida's resign-to-run law.

***Bittel et al. v. Scott et al.**, Case No. 17-CA-2301 (Fla. 2d Cir. Dec. 15, 2017)

- Represented Governor in successful defense of challenge by Florida Democratic Party Chair to executive orders setting special elections to fill vacancies in the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives.

***League of Women Voters v. Scott**, 232 So. 3d 264 (Fla. 2017)

- Represented Governor in successful defense of original action for quo warranto in Florida Supreme Court seeking determination on scope of gubernatorial appointment authority regarding end-of-term vacancies on Florida Supreme Court.

Sarasota Cty Public Hosp. Dist. et al. v. Fla. Agency for Health Care Admin., 230 So. 3d 973 (Fla. 1st DCA 2017)

- Represented Agency for Health Care Administration in consolidated administrative challenges by hospitals to unaudited outpatient reimbursement rates.

Ayala v. Scott, 224 So. 3d 755 (Fla. 2017)

- Represented Governor in successful defense of extraordinary writ challenge to executive orders reassigning responsibility for prosecution of capital homicide cases in the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

**McGillis v. Dept. of Economic Opportunity*, 210 So. 3d 220 (Fla. 3d DCA 2017)

- Successfully defended appeal of Department of Economic Opportunity's determination that a former driver for Uber performed his services as an independent contractor rather than as an employee for the purpose of reemployment assistance.

**AT&T Corp. v. Dept. of Management Services*, 201 So. 3d 852 (Fla. 1st DCA 2016); and *AT&T Corp. v. Dept. of Management Services*, Case No. 15-5002BID (Fla. DOAH Nov. 25, 2015)

- Successfully defended \$700MM MyFloridaNet-2 contract award by Department of Management Services following competitive procurement and bid protest.

Bayfront Med. Cntr., Inc. v. Fla. Agency for Health Care Admin., Case No. 14-4758RU (Fla. DOAH Apr. 20, 2015), *affirmed per curiam*, 192 So. 3d 472 (Fla. 1st DCA 2016)

- Represented Agency for Health Care Administration in successful defense of rule challenge by hospitals contesting agency's practice of limiting Medicaid reimbursement for services provided to eligible undocumented aliens to the duration of the medical emergency.

In re: Medicaid Reimbursement Rate Proposed and Existing Rule Challenges, Case Nos. 17-467RP through 17-474RP, 17-496RP, 17-558RP through 17-560RP (Fla. DOAH Apr. 18, 2018)

- Represented Agency for Health Care Administration in successful defense of consolidated proposed and existing rule challenges by hospitals to agency rules governing outpatient reimbursement rates.

**Advisory Op. to the Att'y Gen. re Rts of Elect. Consumers re Solar Energy Choice*, 188 So. 3d 822 (Fla. 2016)

- Filed amicus curiae brief on behalf of social welfare organization in support of ballot summary of proposed constitutional amendment governing solar energy choice.

**Dept. of Economic Opportunity v. Consumer Rights, LLC*, 181 So. 3d 1239 (Fla. 2015)

- Successfully obtained reversal of attorney's fee award against Department in public records case.

**Joyner v. House of Representatives*, 163 So. 3d 503 (Fla. 2015)

- Represented Speaker Crisafulli and Florida House of Representatives in successful defense of mandamus action filed by State Senators seeking to compel House to reconvene following adjournment sine die.

Plastic Tubing Industries v. Advanced Drainage Systems, Case No. 14-3960 (Fla. DOAH Dec. 19, 2014)

- Represented applicant for regulatory variance in successful defense of administrative challenge by competitor to agency order granting variance.

**Advisory Op. to the Att’y Gen. re Use of Marijuana for Certain Med. Conditions*, 132 So. 3d 786 (Fla. 2014)

- Filed amicus curiae brief on behalf of Florida House of Representatives in opposition to ballot summary of proposed constitutional amendment governing medical use of marijuana.

League of Women Voters of Fla. v. Fla. House of Representatives, 132 So. 3d 135 (Fla. 2013)

- Represented Speaker Weatherford and Florida House of Representatives in constitutional litigation regarding application of legislative privilege to reapportionment litigation.

**Westphal v. City of St. Petersburg*, 122 So. 3d 440 (Fla. 1st DCA 2013) (en banc)

- Filed amicus curiae brief on behalf of Speaker Weatherford and Florida House of Representatives in constitutional challenge to Florida’s worker’s compensation statutes.

Fla. House of Representatives v. League of Women Voters of Fla., 118 So. 3d 198 (Fla. 2013)

- Represented Speaker Weatherford and Florida House of Representatives in extraordinary writ proceeding regarding subject matter jurisdiction of circuit courts to review validity of legislative apportionment plans.

Worley v. Fla. Secretary of State, 717 F.3d 1238 (11th Cir. 2013); and *Worley v. Detzner*, 2012 WL 12897964 (N.D. Fla. July 2, 2012)

- Represented Secretary of State in successful defense of constitutional challenge to Florida campaign finance disclosure laws.

**Crews v. Fla. Pub. Employers Council 79*, 113 So. 3d 1063 (Fla. 1st DCA 2013)

- Filed amicus curiae brief on behalf of Speaker Weatherford and Florida House of Representatives in constitutional challenge to authority of the Legislative Budget Commission with respect to prison health care contracts.

**Bray v. Detzner*, 99 So. 3d 1290 (Fla. 1st DCA 2012)

- Represented Secretary of State in successful defense of constitutional challenge to judicial candidate qualifying fees.

Arcia v. Detzner, 908 F.Supp.2d 1276 (S.D. Fla. 2012)

- Represented Secretary of State in successful defense of challenge to database-matching program under National Voter Registration Act.

**Telli v. Detzner et al.*, 98 So. 3d 1284 (Fla. 4th DCA 2012)

- Represented Secretary of State in successful defense of constitutional challenge seeking to open political party primary election under Universal Primary Amendment.

Greene v. Clemens et al., 98 So. 3d 791 (Fla. 1st DCA 2012)

- Represented Secretary of State in successful defense of election contest action challenging results of primary election for Florida Senate.

Brown v. Detzner, 895 F.Supp.2d 1236 (M.D. Fla. 2012)

- Represented Secretary of State in successful defense of Voting Rights Act and Fourteenth Amendment challenges to Florida's early voting statutes.

***Joyner v. Secretary of State of Fla.**, Case No. 12-2295RU (Fla. DOAH Sept. 18, 2012)

- Represented Secretary of State in successful defense of rule challenge proceeding regarding implementation of election law amendments under Voting Rights Act.

Mi Familia Vota Ed. Fund v. Detzner, 891 F.Supp.2d 1326 (M.D. Fla. 2012)

- Represented Secretary of State in defense of Voting Rights Act challenge to database-matching program.

Florida v. United States, 885 F.Supp.2d 299 (D.D.C. 2012) (three-judge court)

- Represented State of Florida in declaratory judgment action seeking preclearance of election law changes under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act.

***Florida v. United States**, 886 F.Supp.2d 1301 (N.D. Fla. 2012)

- Represented State of Florida in proceeding ancillary to Voting Rights Act litigation, successfully establishing as a matter of first impression that Florida legislators had a privilege against compelled testimony as to matters at the core of their legislative functions.

***Lacasa v. Townsley**, 883 F.Supp.2d 1231 (S.D. Fla. 2012)

- Represented Secretary of State in successful defense of constitutional challenge seeking to open political party primary election for Miami-Dade State Attorney under Universal Primary Amendment.

United States v. Florida, 870 F.Supp.2d 1346 (N.D. Fla. 2012)

- Represented Secretary of State in successful defense of challenge to database-matching program under National Voter Registration Act.

League of Women Voters of Fla. v. Browning, 863 F.Supp.2d 1155 (N.D. Fla. 2012)

- Represented Secretary of State in defense of constitutional challenge to statutes governing activities of third-party voter registration organizations.

National Organization for Marriage v. Secretary, State of Fla., 477 Fed.Appx. 584 (11th Cir. 2012) •

- Represented Secretary of State in successful defense of constitutional challenge to Florida campaign finance disclosure laws for electioneering communications organizations.

**In re Senate Joint Resolution of Legislative Apportionment 2-B*, 89 So. 3d 872 (Fla. 2012)

- Filed amicus curiae brief on behalf of Secretary of State regarding statutory deadlines and Voting Rights Act requirements relevant to legislative redistricting litigation.

**Argenziano v. Detzner*, Case No. 2011-CA-3484 (Fla. Cir. Ct. Mar. 26, 2012)

- Represented Secretary of State in successful defense of candidate qualifying statutes.

**Brown v. Secretary of State of Fla.*, 668 F.3d 1271 (11th Cir. 2012)

- Represented Secretary of State in successful defense of redistricting amendments to Florida Constitution against constitutional challenge under federal Elections Clause.

**Shapiro v. Browning*, Case No. 2011-CA-1892 (Fla. Cir. Ct. Dec. 13, 2011)

- Represented Secretary of State in defense of constitutional challenge to ballot summary for constitutional amendment regarding religious freedom.

**Sullivan v. Scott*, 2011 WL 4954261 (S.D. Fla. 2011)

- Represented Secretary of State in successful defense of Voting Rights Act challenge to implementation of Florida Election Code.

Infinity Software Development v. Dept. of Education, Case No. 11-1662BID (Fla. DOAH June 7, 2011)

- Represented software developer in successful bid protest challenge to contract award following invitation to negotiate.

**Norman v. Ambler*, 46 So. 3d 178 (Fla. 1st DCA 2010)

- Represented Republican Party of Florida in election contest litigation challenging eligibility of prevailing candidate.

**Scott v. Roberts*, 612 F.3d 1279 (11th Cir. 2010)

- Represented Secretary of State in defense of constitutional challenge to campaign matching funds statute.



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Deborah Getzoff is a partner in the Tampa office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where she is a member of the Real Estate Practice Group. Deborah has more than 35 years of environmental and administrative law experience in both the private and public sectors.

She has had extensive experience representing developers, hotels, beach communities and condominiums in the permitting of land development projects, beach and coastal construction/protection projects, and marinas before state and federal environmental agencies. Deborah has negotiated issuance of state and federal permits for large-scale developments involving impacts to wetlands, water quality and endangered and threatened species. She has obtained permits and state lands approvals for hotels, beach construction, coastal protection structures, and marina projects.

Deborah served as Director of The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Southwest District Office from 1999-2011 where she managed permitting and compliance activities for Water, Waste, Air and Environmental Resource wetland programs in a twelve-county area. She had previously served as Deputy General Counsel for Permitting at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Practice Areas

- Administrative Law and Licensing
- Environmental
- Licensing
- Real Estate

Industry Focus

- Government
- Real Estate

Education

- University of Florida Levin College of Law, J.D., 1977
- Indiana University, B.A., 1973

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida

Professional and Civic

- The Florida Bar
 - Environmental and Land Use Law Section, Member
 - Administrative Law Section, Member
- The American Bar Association
 - Section of Environment, Energy and Resources, Member
- Tampa Bay Watch, Inc.
 - Member, Advisory Board
- City of Tallahassee-Leon County Board of Adjustment and Appeals
 - Chairperson, 1991-1994

Presentations

- Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association, 62nd Annual Conference, 2019: "Coastal Law Update: Case & Final Orders Concerning Florida Beaches"
- Florida Chamber Annual Environmental Summer School, 1986-2019
 - "FDEP Regulatory Update"
 - "Coastal Construction Control Line Permitting"
 - "Federal Wetlands Permitting"
- American Bar Association Webinar, May 2015: "Looking Out to Sea: Resurging Interest in Seawater Desalination Projects Face the Twin Specters of Technical Challenges and Permitting Complexity"
- National Association of Environmental Professionals Annual Conference, 2014: "Implementing Numeric Nutrient Criteria"



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Jason Gonzalez is the Managing Partner of the Tallahassee office of Shutts & Bowen LLP and Chairman of the Firm's Appellate Practice Group.

Jason is an experienced appellate and litigation attorney and regularly consults on government affairs. He represents businesses and state agencies in state or federal courts in contracts, government procurements, class actions, tort defense, banking and finance, professional licenses and elections matters.

Prior to joining Shutts, Jason served as General Counsel to the Florida Governor and as Gubernatorial Appointee to the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission. Jason was also the chief advisor to the Governor on the appointment of 64 Florida judges and four Florida Supreme Court Justices.

In 2010, Jason served as lead counsel for Transocean Ltd. in its Florida Panhandle litigation and regulatory matters immediately following the explosion and sinking of the Deepwater Horizon. Over a two year period, Jason successfully obtained orders dismissing or removing every one of the more than 70 individual and class action lawsuits filed against Transocean in Florida.

Earlier in his career, Jason was a shareholder in the Tallahassee law firm Ausley McMullen. He also served two terms as General Counsel and former Executive Board Member of the Republican Party of Florida.

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Litigation
- COVID-19 Solutions
- Political Law

Accolades

- Selected as Florida Counsel by Transocean, owner of the Deepwater Horizon following the BP Oil Spill
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, 2011, 2012 and 2013
- *Florida Trend Legal Elite*, 2008, 2015; Appellate and Government Practice, 2016- 2018; Appellate Practice 2020
- Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission, 2007-2008
- First District Court of Appeals Judicial Nominating Commission, 2004 – 2007, Chairman 2006-2007
- Second Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, 2001 – 2004, Chairman 2003-2004

Education

- University of Florida, J.D., 1998
- University of Florida, B.S.B.A., with honors, 1995

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida



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Rachel C. Procaccini grew up in Tallahassee, Florida. She is an attorney in the Tallahassee office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where she is a member of the Appellate practice group.

Prior to joining Shutts & Bowen, Rachel served as a law clerk to the Honorable David A. Faber, Senior United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia.

Before law school, Rachel worked as a legislative assistant to the Senate Committee on Judiciary of the Florida Legislature. During law school, Rachel served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Paul M. Newby of the North Carolina Supreme Court, as a legal intern in the Office of the General Counsel for the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, and as a summer associate in the Litigation practice group of a Florida law firm.

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Litigation
- Political Law

Education

- University of North Carolina School of Law, J.D., 2018
 - The Order of Barristers
 - Moot Court Team
 - National Champion of the Energy and Sustainability Appellate Advocacy Competition (2017)
 - Government and Public Sector Section Scholarship Recipient, North Carolina Bar Association (2016)

- Merrill-Holt Scholarship Recipient (2017)
- Pro Bono Award, completed over 100 hours of legal services (2018)
- Florida State University, B.A., Media and Communications Studies, Minor in English, *cum laude*, 2014
 - Florida State University Honors Program
 - Florida State University Honors Legal Scholars Program
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Bar Admissions

- Florida
- North Carolina

Court Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida

Professional and Civic

- Federalist Society