

MICHAEL A. RODRÍGUEZ

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ADMISSIONS

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

EDUCATION

- *Vermont Law School*
South Royalton, Vermont
Juris Doctor, 1997
- *New College of Florida*
Sarasota, Florida
BA - History, 1994

SKILLS, INTERESTS, ACTIVITIES

Legislative Drafting (*Bills, Ordinances, Resolutions, Development Agreements, Interlocal Agreements*)

Proficiency in Spanish (*Translated ballot language for Supervisor of Elections*)

Verbal Communication (*Distilling legal issues to clear, concise, and cogent concepts for clients, governmental staff, and volunteer commissions and councils*)

Creative Problem Solving (*Having commercial awareness gathered in the private sector representing entities before local governments to solve issues facing the public sector*)

Unique Experience (*Former contestant on Jeopardy! airing on April 3, 2001, finished in second place, securing a prize trip to Club Med, Ixtapa, Mexico*)

EXPERIENCE

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY *City of Palm Bay, Palm Bay, Florida / 2023 - present*

- Served as lead counsel for Growth Management, Utilities, Building, and Public Works Departments, including Board Counsel for Planning and Zoning Board
- Drafted ordinances, resolutions, and agreements in various subject matters including but not limited to Development Agreements, Proportionate Fair Share Agreements, and Impact and Fee Deferral Agreements.

CITY ATTORNEY *City of Apopka, City of Apopka, Florida / 2020 - 2023*

- Served as lead legal counsel for City Council, Office of the Mayor, and all municipal departments and divisions including Community Development, Public Services, Finance, Parks and Recreation, Police, and Fire.
- Procured and supervised outside counsel in matters relating to risk management litigation and collective bargaining.
- Drafted ordinances, resolutions, and agreements in multiple subject matters including but not limited to Development Agreements, Interlocal Agreements, Separation Agreements, Real Estate Leases, and Purchasing Agreements.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY *Volusia County, DeLand, Florida / 2016 - 2020*

- Served as lead counsel for Planning and Land Development Regulation Commission, Contractor Licensing and Construction Appeals Board, Historic Preservation Board, and Animal Control Advisory Board.
- Drafted ordinances and resolutions in various subject matters including but not limited to land use, zoning, comprehensive plan amendments, animal control, medical marijuana, rural event centers ("Wedding Barns"), and environmental regulations.

ATTORNEY *Harrington Law Alliance, West Palm Beach, Florida / 2015 - 2016*

- Developed a solo practice while affiliated with an office geared to assisting attorneys in starting their own practices. Worked in areas of civil litigation, real estate, and land use.
- Litigated a comprehensive plan land use challenge on behalf of property owners before the Division of Administrative Hearings.

PARTNER *Blank Rome, LLP, Boca Raton, Florida / 2012 - 2015*

- Supervised over twelve attorneys over three offices in Florida
- Represented residential mortgage loan servicers, lenders, payment processors, and other financial institutions handling all phases of litigation, from initial investigation through trial and appeal.

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY *Greenspoon Marder, P.A., Fort Lauderdale, Florida / 2006 - 2012*

- Represented clients in matters relating to local government approvals and permitting throughout South Florida
- Represented the City of Opa-Locka and the Town of Miami Lakes in matters relating to planning and zoning, including as counsel to both local governments' Planning and Zoning Boards.

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY *Sachs Sax Klein, P.A., Boca Raton, Florida / 2001 - 2006*

- Represented clients in matters relating to local government approvals and permitting in South Florida
- Represented homeowners and condominium associations as counsel in matters relating to association governance and local government permitting and approvals, including serving as a liaison between various associations and the South Florida Water Management District in relation to their maintenance obligations relating to surface waters.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY *Martin County, Stuart, Florida / 1997 - 2001*

- Served as prosecuting counsel to Code Enforcement Board and counsel to Building Department, Growth Management Department, Recreation Department, and Code Enforcement Division.
- Drafted ordinances in various subject matters including accessibility, environmental regulations, zoning, and building code administration.
- Assisted in litigation matters relating to Americans With Disabilities Act litigation, 42 U.S.C. s.1983 litigation relating to property rights, administrative hearings before DOAH, and environmental litigation relating to beachfront property rights.