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4741 Military Trail
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Education

M.P.A., Florida Atlantic University
J.D., Nova University
B.A., Heidelberg University

Admissions

The Florida Bar
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. District Court, Southern District of
Florida



Tom Baird, the Firm's **Land Use & Governmental** Co-Practice Group Leader, is a Florida Bar Board Certified specialist in City, County and Local Government. Tom's practice focuses on the representation of municipalities, land use and zoning law, and litigation, including code enforcement, property rights, takings, and constitutional law matters. He represents counties, municipalities, and developers in state and federal courts.

Tom is the current Town Attorney for the Towns of Jupiter and Lake Park, and General Counsel to the Westgate/Belvedere Homes Community Redevelopment Agency. He serves as a Special Magistrate for the municipalities of North Palm Beach and Stuart. He also serves as a Special Master/Mediator in Property Rights cases. Tom's experience representing municipalities since the 1990s gives him instant credibility with the elected officials and their Planning and Zoning staffs. He is highly respected by municipal government leaders, particularly in the areas of planning and zoning law.

Tom has been an adjunct professor of planning at Florida Institute of Technology and an adjunct professor of law at Florida Atlantic University in the topics of land use, zoning, and administrative law. Prior to his legal career, he worked as a Regional Planner on large-scale development projects and is certified as a Professional Planner by the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Honors & Distinctions

Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Peer Review Rated

Affiliations

American Planning Association Treasure Coast Section
President, Vice President, Board of Directors 1996-2002

American Planning Association Florida Chapter
Member 1996-Present

American Institute of Certified Planners

Member, 2000-Present

States Attorney's Sober House Task Force

Member, 2016-Present

Roger Dean Stadium

Advisory Board, 1988-Present

**Third Federal Savings and Loan Association of Cleveland MLTC and
TFS Corporation**

Director, 2005-2010

Compensation Committee, Vice Chair, 2005-2010

The Florida Bar

City, County and Local Government Law Section, Member, 1986-Present

Environmental & Land Use Law Section, Member, 1986-Present

Palm Beach County Bar Association

Member, 1993-Present

North County Section, Member, 1996-Present

Treasure Coast Region Planning Council

Appointed by Governor Chiles, Member, 1993-1996