

# **RALF BROOKES**

*Board Certified in City County and Local Government Law by The Florida Bar*



**Ralf G. Brookes, Attorney. 1998-present.** Local government law practice - Representing local governments, public and private sector clients, public interest groups and not-for-profit organizations. Prepare and present to local government councils, commissions and boards, review and file applications, litigate approvals and denials, prepare and defend ordinances, land development regulations, comprehensive plan amendments, settlements, development agreements, administrative proceedings on local, state and federal agency permits, approvals, challenges and appeals in state and federal courts, state agencies, counties and municipalities.

## **MUNICIPAL/CITY ATTORNEY EXPERIENCE:**

- **City of Madeira Beach, Florida** (Pinellas County, population 4,406) 2017-present
- **Town of Yankeetown, Florida**, (Levy County, population 760) Town Attorney 2006 – present
- **City of St Pete Beach, Florida** (Pinellas County, population 10,086) (City Attorney 2007-2008):
- **City of Bradenton Beach Florida**, (Manatee County, population 1,536) 2004 – 2009

As City/Town Attorney: Meet with and advise City Manager and Departments; Municipal Law; Contracts, RFQs/RFPs; Disputes, Litigation, Comprehensive Plan Amendments, Land Development Code Amendments and review of development application, variances, planned developments, development agreements; legislation, ordinances, audits, sunshine law, public records law; grants, government and public works projects.

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY EXPERIENCE:**

- **Monroe County (the “Florida Keys”) - Land Use Litigation Counsel** (1992-1998) Representing Monroe County Florida in land use litigation in state and federal courts, serve as counsel for Growth Management Division, counsel for Planning Department, Planning Commission and Code Enforcement; prepared and defended **vacation rental ordinance**, noise ordinances, resolutions and land development regulations, development agreements, comprehensive plan amendments, defended Monroe County in state and federal court.
- **Sarasota County Assistant County Attorney** (1990 – 1992) Advise County Attorney, Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County; Planning Commission, Planning, Natural Resources, Code Enforcement, Solid Waste Departments, interagency and interlocal agreements; Pollution Control

## **MEDIATOR/ARBITRATOR/ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- **Circuit Civil Court Mediator** - Florida Supreme Court Certified
- **Florida Court Appointed Arbitrator** – Florida Supreme Court Approved Training
- **Special Magistrate/Master, Fla. Stat. 70.51 Land Use & Dispute Resolution Act:** Alternative dispute resolution process for land use applications. (e.g., Village of Islamorada Florida)

## **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:**

### **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT & ANALYST: 1998 –2000**

**Senior Consultant & Analyst Business Management**–Cambridge Management Consulting (Celerant Consulting ). Delivered measurable improvements in Operations and Maintenance systems to deliver sustainable measurable results of \$2.7 to 3.5 million dollars in annual client savings and increased profits. Identify and implement systems, reporting and management procedures for sustainable continual improvements and economic return on location in Texas, NJ, La, Delaware in Oil, Gas, Technology Sectors

### **TEACHING:**

**University of Florida Law School** – Conservation Clinic and Env and Land Use Law Program, Practitioner in Residence 2013 under Professors Ankersen, Flournoy and Hamann

**Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) - Adjunct Professor Env Law 2005 - 2014.**

Masters of Public Administration Program: Environmental & Land Use Law PAD 5620.

### **EDUCATION:**

**University of Florida –Law School** Gainesville, Florida, Juris Doctorate (J.D. 1988)

- Jessup's Cup Moot Court Team;
- UF Law Center for Governmental Responsibility Fellowship

**University of Miami** - Bachelor Science degree in **Marine Sciences/Geology**, Coral Gables, (B.S. 1985)

### **PROFESSIONAL:**

**Admitted to Florida Bar – 1988** (Over 22+ years as member in good standing)

**Board Certified: City, County and Local Government Law** by The Florida Bar – **2004 to date**

**Florida Federal Courts: Admitted** Middle District Fla., Southern District Fla., Northern District Florida

**Florida State Courts: Admitted** all state circuits, all appellate district courts, Florida Supreme Court

**The Florida Bar, Sections and Committees:**

- **City, County and Local Government Law Section**, to present
- **Environmental and Land Use Law Section (ELULS)**, Executive Council, 1993-2001
- **Administrative Law Section** Executive Council, 1991- 1999

**Florida League of Cities, Florida Municipal Attorney's Association** Member/Lecturer

**The Florida Chamber of Commerce,**

- Growth Management Short Course
- Environmental Permitting Short Course

**The Florida Bar, Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Programs**

- City, County and Local Government Section of the Florida Bar
- Environmental and Land Use Law Section of the Florida Bar
- Administrative Law Section of the Florida Bar
- University of Florida Law program, speaker and guest lecturer

**Continuing Legal Education, CLE-International Programs,**

- Dealing With Government
- Litigating Land Use and Takings Claims
- Defending Local Government Land Use Denials
- Regulatory Takings under the U.S. and Florida Constitution
- Wetlands Regulations

**Florida Municipal Attorney's Association Speaker** Noise Ordinances

**Southwest Florida Chamber of Commerce** "Issues 08" Southwest Florida Legislative Delegation

**A Sustainable Southwest Florida: Creating a Vision.** Participant City Attorney



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