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The County Attorney's Office provides high quality, timely, professional, and cost-effective legal representation to the Board of County Commissioners and other officials of Leon County as directed by the Board of County Commissioners.

The County Attorney is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Leon County Charter provides that the office of the County Attorney shall be responsible for the representation of County government, the Board of County Commissioners, and all departments, divisions, regulatory boards, and advisory boards of County government in all legal matters relating to their official responsibilities. The office of the County Attorney shall also review all ordinances, resolutions, contracts, bonds, and other written instruments. The County Attorney is not authorized to provide civil legal advice to private citizens in his capacity as County Attorney.

Herb Thiele has served the citizens of Leon County since 1990.



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COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Favorable ruling received from the First District Court of Appeal in the Regional Conflict Counsel litigation (*Leon County v. Lewis*), where the Court ruled that Florida counties are not responsible for funding the Regional Conflict Counsel offices, resulting in approximately \$300,000 in annual savings to Leon County.
- Numerous agreements prepared, including the following with the City of Tallahassee: Joint Dispatch Center Memorandum of Understanding; Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Interlocal Agreement; Second Amendment to the Agreement Providing for Advanced Life Support Services; Amendment #6 to the Fire Services Agreement; Interlocal Agreement on Sidewalks and Maintenance; Joint City-County Planning Agreement. Other contracts include: Extension of the "Lauder" Development Agreement.
- Prepared necessary legal documents and oversaw the closing of a number of Leon County real estate sales or purchases, including County sale to the City of Tallahassee of one-half interest in Public Safety Complex site; purchase of the Woodville Library site; and purchase of four separate parcels: R.P. Properties/Ghazvini, Schwartz, Maples Family, and Christine Maples, in connection with the Fred George Road Greenway Project.
- Prepared numerous ordinances and resolutions, or contributed to the content, including: Extension of Off-site Sign Moratorium Ordinance; Flood Disclosure Ordinance; Resolution of Intent to Utilize the Uniform Method of Collecting Special Assessments Regarding Fire Rescue Services; Special Assessment for EMS/Fire Services; Fire Rescue Services Ordinances.
- Filed a Permit Challenge to the Engelhard Plant with the Georgia Environmental Protection Department regarding clean water issues.
- Reviewed and provided comments on 323 agenda requests.
- Favorable response from the Attorney General's Office regarding the City/County joint request for an opinion on which governmental entity is responsible for maintenance of sidewalks.
- Prevailed before the Department of Health regarding four related complaints filed against Leon County Emergency Medical Services, under Chapter 401, Part III, Florida Statutes, alleging a violation in regard to an emergency response incident; complaints dismissed by Department of Health.
- Prevailed in the *Allison Stewart v. Leon County* litigation, when the Florida Commission on Human Relations ruled in its favor by entering a no-cause determination.
- Prevailed in the *John R. Pretti v. Leon County*, Veteran's Preference claim filed with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, wherein the DVA dismissed the claim.
- Prevailed in the *Kendrick Porter v. Leon County*, Florida Commission on Human Relations/EEOC complaint, wherein Hearing Officer dismissed the case.
- Successfully implemented the Settlement Agreement in the litigation regarding Americans with Disabilities access issues, *Dwayne Johnson v. Leon County* (Ross Road Sidewalk Accessibility Improvements).
- Prevailed in the *Stanley v. Leon County* case, when the Court dismissed the Plaintiff's complaint asking for reimbursement of towing fees.
- Received and processed 58 public records requests, in addition to providing counsel on requests received by other County divisions.
- County Attorney selected to serve on the International Municipal Attorneys Association's Board of Directors for 2009-2010.
- County Attorney completed third term as President of the Florida Association of County Attorneys.

