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Mr. Hennessy's practice focuses on administrative, environmental, governmental and land use law, with particular experience in litigation in those areas of law.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Has more than 30 years of experience representing clients in the negotiation and litigation of environmental permitting and enforcement issues, land development, coastal construction matters, water rights, hazardous waste, wetland issues, property rights and eminent domain.
- Represents clients before all courts in Florida, including the Florida Supreme Court, the 11th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, the federal district courts, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Martindale Hubbell AV[®] Preeminent[™] Peer Review Rated.
- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, Member.
- The Florida Bar, Environmental and Land Use Law Section, Member.
- Manatee County Bar Association, former Director.
- St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, Sustainability Committee, Member.
- St. Petersburg Bar Association, Wellness Committee, Member.
- University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Natural Resource Leadership Institute, Fellow, 2008-2009.
- Firm Representative to the Environmental Law Network.

CO-CHAIR

Administrative, Civil, and Appellate
Litigation

PRACTICES

Environmental and Natural Resources
Law
Land Use and Real Estate Law
Governmental Law
Administrative, Civil, and Appellate
Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Government
Transportation and Infrastructure
Utilities

EDUCATION

J.D., cum laude, University of Miami,
1986
B.A., Wake Forest University, 1983

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Frequent lecturer on topics including coastal construction, water law, endangered species, administrative law and environmental litigation.
- “How To Be An Effective Expert Witness,” LLW Lunch & Learn, 2018.
- “Nuts and Bolts of Permit Challenges,” co-presented with Susan Roeder Martin, Environmental and Land Use Law Section of the Florida Bar, February 2018.
- “Sovereign Submerged Lands Permitting and Development in the Coastal Marine Environment,” Florida Chamber Environmental Permitting Summer School, July 2017.
- “Litigation Advice for the Land Use Practitioner: Hope for the Best, Prepare for the Worst,” Environmental and Land Use Law Section of the Florida Bar Live Webcast, December 2016.
- “Sovereign Submerged Lands Permitting and Development in the Coastal Marine Environment,” Florida Chamber Environmental Permitting Summer School, 2017.
- “Extreme Environmental People Skills,” Florida Chamber Environmental Permitting Summer School, 2008-2016.
- “What to do if you receive a Complaint filed with the Commission on Ethics,” September 2014.
- “Seeing the Complete FOG Picture,” Journal AWWA, January 2014.
- “U.S. Supreme Court Offers Clean Water Act Plaintiffs Their Day in Court,” co-authored with Tara Duh, Journal AWWA, June 2012.
- “Are City Governments and Social Media a Good Match?” Quality Cities Magazine, February 2012.
- “What You Gonna Do when the Well Runs Dry: Protection of Rights to ASR Water,” ABA Water Resources Committee Newsletter, Vol. 12, No. 2, co-authored with R. David Jackson, Esq., January 2010.
- “Aquifer Storage and Recovery,” Vail Water Law Conference, 2010.
- “Greenwashing: A Guide to the Ethical Advertising of Green Products,” co-authored with Michelle Diffenderfer, Esq., Manatee Chamber, 2009.
- “The Lower St. John’s River Basin Management Action Plan: Assessing Agricultural, Local Government and Environmental Perspectives,” co-presented with Tatiana Borisova, Laila Racevskis, Jennison Kipp, Debra Butler and Diana Ferguson, NRLI Practicum Presentation, 2009.
- “Coastal Construction Below the Mean High-Water Line,” The Florida Bar, February 2001.
- “Thirty-Year Erosion Zone,” Florida Environmental and Land Use Law Treatise, February 2001.