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Mr. Lewis works primarily in the fields of environmental and land use law, administrative law and state and local government administration and legislation.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Represents more than 50 regional and local general purpose and special purpose governments including the West Coast Inland Navigation District, St. Lucie County, cities of North Port and Cape Coral, and Lake Worth Drainage District as general or special counsel on general governmental issues, legislation, environmental and land use regulation and litigation including Federal, Clean Water Act regulation, State environmental resource permitting, the Florida Community Planning Act, and the Endangered Species Act.
- Represents national and regional developers and agribusiness companies before federal, state and local agencies in matters involving Everglades Restoration, Clean Water Act and environmental resource permitting, rule-making, and comprehensive plan compliance.
- Serves as general counsel to the Florida Association of Special Districts and several regional water management and supply agencies.
- Represents numerous governments and private clients in state and federal agency rule-making proceedings, permitting and regulatory proceedings.
- Represents public and private clients before the Florida Legislature on issues involving taxation, ethics, public records, Government in the Sunshine, Florida's Water Resources Act, the Local Government Comprehensive Planning Act, coastal management, Everglades protection and local government accountability and operations.

PRACTICES

Environmental and Natural Resources Law

Governmental Law

Legislative Lobbying and Governmental Affairs

INDUSTRIES

Government

Transportation and Infrastructure

EDUCATION

J.D., with honors, Florida State University College of Law, 1978

University of Kansas, National Defense Foreign Language Scholar, Latin American Studies, 1969-1971

M.A., with honors, Florida State University, 1966

B.A., with honors, Florida State University, 1965



- Was a co-author of the State of Florida's Coastal Management Plan.
- Was a principal draftsman and successfully lobbied for passage by the Florida legislature of the Special Districts Accountability Act, Community Development Districts Act, and Educational Facilities Benefit Districts Act.
- Prior to becoming a lawyer, was an environmental planner and served as the Agency Coordinator for the State Coastal Management Program.

PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC, AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Martindale Hubbell AV[®] Preeminent[™] Peer Review Rated
- Ralph A. Marsicano Award, City, County and Local Government Law Section of the Florida Bar, 2015
- Top Lawyer in Government Law, South Florida Legal Guide, 2013-present
- Listed in Best Lawyers in America, Environmental Law and Environmental Litigation, 2006-present, Lawyer
 of the Year in Environmental Law, 2018, 2017, 2015, and 2011 and Lawyer of the Year in Environmental
 Litigation, 2016
- Florida Super Lawyer, 2006-present
- Listed in Chambers and Partners USA Guide, an annual listing of the leading lawyers and law firms in the world, 2003-present
- Florida Trend Magazine's Legal Elite, Environmental and Land Use Law, 2004-2008, 2010 and 2013
- The International Who's Who of Environment Lawyers, 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2013
- Florida Bar: Environmental and Land Use Law Section, Executive Council Chair, 1989-1990
- Written and lectured extensively on environmental and land use legislation, coastal zone management, water law, developments of regional impact, comprehensive planning and public finance
- American Bar Association, Member
- The Florida Bar, Member

