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Mr. Walker's practice focuses primarily on water resources, environmental and administrative law and has over 40 years of experience in environmental and water-related issues in Florida.

#### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Special environmental counsel to the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Advises and advocates for the Tribe on Everglades issues, water rights, Clean Water Act issues and various state and federal regulatory matters.
- Represents water users in consumptive use and environmental permitting, water use litigation and advocating for proactive water supply development strategies affecting the industry.
- Assisted in drafting and advocating sound water and wastewater reuse legislation and rulemaking on behalf of utility clients and development clients.
- Federal and state environmental permitting of major development projects including obtaining permits through the Water Management Districts, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

#### PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Martindale Hubbell AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent<sup>™</sup> Peer Review Rated.
- The Florida Bar, Environmental and Land Use Law Section, Former Executive Council Member.
- Palm Beach County Bar Association, Member.
- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources, Member.
- Corkscrew Regional Watershed Council, Trustee and General Counsel.

#### CHAIR

Native American Law

#### PRACTICES

Environmental and Natural Resources Law

Governmental Law

Native American Law

#### INDUSTRIES

Manufacturing

#### EDUCATION

J.D., with honors, University of Florida,  
Levin College of Law, 1974

B.S., with honors, Pennsylvania State  
University, 1969

- South Florida Manufacturers Association, Board Member, Chair of Government Affairs Committee.
- Gulf Stream Council, Boy Scouts of America, Board Member.
- Listed in Best Lawyers in America, Environmental Law and Environmental Litigation, 2008-present, Lawyer of the Year in Environmental Law, 2016 and 2013.
- 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, 2004-present.
- Listed as a Top Lawyer in Environmental Law, South Florida Legal Guide, 2013-2018.
- The International Who's Who of Environmental Lawyers, 2010 and 2008.
- Appointed to the Florida Chamber Foundation Six Pillars Caucus – Infrastructure and Growth Leadership.

## PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- "The Proposed Waters of the United States Rule: Clearer or more confusing?" Journal American Water Works Association, September 2014.
- "The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Fight for Quantified Federal Water Rights in Montana: A Contentious History," Journal American Water Works Association, June 2013.
- "Ninth Circuit Holds that Jurisdictional Determinations from U.S. Army Corps Are Not Judicially Reviewable: Practical Considerations," co-Authored with Tara W. Duhy, American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources, Water and Wetlands Committee Newsletter, January 2009.
- Co-author: "Florida Water Resources: Surface and Stormwater Management," The Florida Bar Journal, May 1982.

## PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- General Counsel, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), 1985-1991.
  - Negotiated a historic Water Rights Compact between the Seminole Tribe and SFWMD.
  - Negotiated Everglades Settlement Agreement with Federal government.
  - Developed the legal framework for most SFWMD regulatory programs including consumptive use, water shortage, wetlands and surface water management.
- General Counsel, Southwest Florida Water Management District, 1983-1985.
  - Involved in the development and adoption of the Surface Water Management Permitting Program and the Water Shortage Plan.