



# E.D. "ED" ARMSTRONG III

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## PRACTICE FOCUS

Land Use & Development  
Rights

Real Estate Acquisition &  
Development

Governmental Relations, Bid  
Protests and Procurement

Automotive

## EDUCATION

University of Maryland, B.S.,  
1979, *cum laude*

Vanderbilt University Law  
School, J.D., 1982

## BAR ADMISSIONS

American Bar Association

The Florida Bar

Hillsborough County Bar  
Association

Clearwater Bar Association

**With three decades of experience, Ed Armstrong has obtained approval for many of the most complex development projects in Pinellas County.**

Ed is chair of the firm's Land Use group for Pinellas County. He regularly represents national and local developers, public and private, with interests in the Tampa Bay area. Ed often serves as local general counsel to these clients. He also represents several high-profile clients who have significant interactions with local governments. He is based in the firm's Clearwater office.

In 2014, Governor Rick Scott appointed Ed to the Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board where he served until 2019. In 2020, he was reappointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to a four-year term. Ed also served on the Board of Trustees for BayCare Health System for 15 years. He served as chair of the BayCare Medical Group from 2017 – 2019 and continues to serve on the finance committee.

Ed was named to the 2018 Florida 500 by *Florida Trend* magazine as one of the state's most influential Floridians. He has been ranked in Chambers USA as a leading lawyer in the field of Zoning and Land Use law in Florida since 2014.

Outside the office, Ed enjoys playing golf.

## HONORS

- AV Preeminent® Rating, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review

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- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyer, Real Estate: Zoning / Land Use (2014-2022)
- Florida Trend Florida 500 (2018)
- Florida Trend's Legal Elite
- *The Best Lawyers in America*© (2018-2023)
  - 2023 Tampa Land Use and Zoning Law Lawyer of the Year

### EXPERIENCE

Representative projects include:

- Obtaining the development approval of several of the largest and most expensive hotel and residential properties along the Pinellas coastline.
- The \$200 million expansion and upgrading of a large hospital.
- Obtaining the development approval of a 300,000 square foot Corporate Headquarters.
- The representation of Pinellas County's private ambulance service provider.

### COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

- Southwest Florida Water Management District - Governing Board: Treasurer
- BayCare Health System - Board of Trustees
  - Member, Finance Committee
- Bank of Tampa - Pinellas County Advisory Board
- Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce
  - Mr. Clearwater (2014)
  - Board Chairman (2000)
- Morton Plant Mease Healthcare System: Board Chairman (2010-2012)
- Tampa Preparatory School: Trustee

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### NEWS & INSIGHTS

Eighty-One Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2023 Publication  
Firm News, 8.18.22

Governor Ron DeSantis Reappoints Ed Armstrong to the Southwest Florida Water Management District's Governing Board  
Firm News, 6.15.22

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive 2022 Chambers Recognition  
6.1.22

Seventy Six Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2022 Publication  
Firm News, 8.19.21

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive 2021 Chambers Recognition  
Firm News, 5.20.21

Governor Ron DeSantis Appoints Ed Armstrong to the Southwest Florida Water Management District's Governing Board  
Firm News, 10.9.20

67 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2021 Publication  
Firm News, 8.20.20

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive Chambers USA 2020 Recognition  
Firm News, 4.23.20

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive Chambers USA 2019 Recognition  
Firm News, 4.25.19

Shareholder Ed Armstrong Recognized as One of Florida's Most Influential Business Leaders by Florida Trend  
Firm News, 9.17.18

2019 Best Lawyers Cites 46 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names Six "Lawyer of the Year"  
Firm News, 8.16.18

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Shareholder Ed Armstrong Elected Vice-Chair of The Southwest Florida Water Management District's Governing Board  
5.29.18

Hill Ward Henderson Recognized By Chambers And Partners 2018  
5.8.18

2018 Best Lawyers Cites 44 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names Five "Lawyer Of The Year"  
Firm News, 8.15.17

Hill Ward Henderson Recognized By Chambers And Partners 2017  
Firm News, 5.26.17

2017 Best Lawyers Cites 44 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names Two "Lawyers Of The Year"  
Firm News, 8.15.16

Hill Ward Henderson Cited By Chambers USA  
Firm News, 6.13.16

Hill Ward Henderson Shareholder Appointed To The Pinellas County Advisory Board For The Bank Of Tampa  
Firm News, 10.8.15

Hill Ward Henderson Shareholder Reappointed by Governor  
Firm News, 6.18.15

Hill Ward Henderson Signs Lease on New Clearwater Office  
Firm News, 6.1.15

Hill Ward Henderson Cited by Chambers USA (2015)  
Firm News, 5.19.15

Hill Ward Henderson Shareholder Appointed By Governor  
Firm News, 6.23.14

Hill Ward Henderson Attorney to Moderate 2013 Legislative Breakfast Event, 5.14.13

E. D. Armstrong, III and Katherine E. Cole Join Hill Ward Henderson  
Firm News, 4.30.13

### NOTEWORTHY

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client service.

"He's a consummate professional who always provides sound and prudent guidance." Client quote, *Chambers USA 2021*

"He went to great lengths to help us navigate a process and ultimately achieve our desired outcome." Client quote, *Chambers USA 2021*