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## BOARD CERTIFIED BY THE FLORIDA BAR

Board Certified in Real Estate Law

## PRACTICE FOCUS

Real Estate Finance

Commercial Leasing

Real Estate Construction & Design

Real Estate Acquisition & Development

## EDUCATION

University of Florida, B.S., 1970

University of Florida, M.B.A., 1975

Stetson University College of Law, J.D., 1982, cum laude

## BAR ADMISSIONS

American Bar Association

The Florida Bar

- Mobile Home Law Committee, 1991–2000

Larry serves as Of Counsel in the firm's Real Estate Group. His practice primarily involves construction and permanent mortgage lending, purchase and sale transactions, option transactions, commercial leases, title insurance, restrictive covenants, and homeowner associations.

He has participated in the negotiation and sale of several large design-build projects in the local market. Larry also has represented many lenders and borrowers in connection with problem loan workouts.

Larry is a Florida Bar Board Certified Real Estate Lawyer. He is active in many civic and charitable organizations, including his recent service through 2011 as Chairman for The Salvation Army, Tampa Area Command Advisory Board.

## HONORS

- AV Preeminent® Rating, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review
- Best Lawyers Business Edition (2013)
- Florida Monthly's "Florida's Top Lawyers" (2008)
- Florida Super Lawyers (2007-2013)
- Super Lawyers Business Edition (2013)
- Tampa's Top Attorney (2011)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*© (2007-2017, 2020-2022)
  - Lawyer of the Year: Real Estate Lawyer of the Year (2022)

## W. LAWRENCE SMITH

- Grievance Committee 13(A), 1989-1992
  - Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section
  - Business Law Section
- Hillsborough County Bar Association

### COURT ADMISSIONS

Florida (1982)

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida (1982)

## NEWS & INSIGHTS

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

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

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

2016 Best Lawyers Cites 40 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names Five "Lawyer of the Year"  
Firm News, 8.17.15

2014 Best Lawyers Cites 42 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names Three "Lawyer Of The Year"  
Firm News, 8.30.13

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named To The 2013 Best Lawyers Business Edition  
Firm News, 7.15.13

Best Lawyers In America  
Firm News, 7.31.12

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named To The 2012 Super Lawyers Business Edition  
Firm News, 3.28.12

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2012 Florida Super Lawyers And Rising Stars  
Firm News, 3.20.12