

## **RALF BROOKES**

*Board Certified in City County and Local Government Law* by The Florida Bar



**Ralf G. Brookes, Attorney.** January 2000 to present : local government law practice - Representing public and private sector clients, local governments, public interest groups and not-for-profits organizations, private sector clients. Prepare, review and litigate ordinances, land development regulations, comprehensive plan amendments, settlements, development agreements, local, state and federal agency permits, approvals, challenges and appeals; administrative law practice before state agencies, counties and cities

### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **CITY ATTORNEY:**

**City of St Pete Beach, Florida** (Pinellas County, population 10,086) City Attorney (through May 2008):

**City of Bradenton Beach Florida,** (Manatee County, population 1,536) City Attorney; 2004 to present:

**Town of Yankeetown, Florida,** (Levy County, population 760) 2006 to present:

Meet with and advise City Manager & Departments; Litigation, Comprehensive Plan Amendments, Land Development Code Amendments and review of development application, variances, cell towers, planned developments, rezonings, comp plan amendments ordinances, contracts, government and public works projects.

**Town of Marineland / University of Florida.** (Fall 2009) Prepare Unified Land Development Code. Prepare Model LDC Code for small Florida coastal municipalities containing innovative land development regulations.

#### **SPECIAL MAGISTRATE –**

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL & LAND USE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

**Village of Islamorada (in the “Florida Keys”) Special Magistrate, Fla. Stat. 70.51 Land Use & Dispute Resolution Act:** Alternative dispute resolution process for land use applications in Village and Circuit Court.

#### **COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

**Monroe County (the “Florida Keys”) - Land Use Litigation Counsel** (1992-1998) Representing Monroe County Florida in land use litigation in state and federal courts, serve as counsel for Growth Management Division, counsel for Planning Department, Planning Commission and Code Enforcement; prepared and defended vacation rental, noise and other ordinances, resolutions and land development regulations, development agreements, comprehensive plan amendments, defended Monroe County in state and federal court.

**Sarasota County Assistant County Attorney** (1990 – 1992) Advise County Attorney, Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County; Planning Commission, Planning, Natural Resources, Code Enforcement, Solid Waste Departments, interagency and interlocal agreements; established Pollution Control Trust Fund.

#### **PRIVATE LAW FIRM (LAND DEVELOPMENT):**

**Fine Jacobson Schwartz Nash Block & England,** in Miami/Tallahassee, Attorney 1988 – 1990. Represented applicants in City of Miami, Boca Raton, Opa Locka, South Miami, Miami Beach, Key Biscayne; Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties; sought and obtained local land use, zoning, site plan approvals

**BUSINESS / MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE:**

**BUSINESS ANALYST & MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT Peter Chadwick/Cambridge Management Consulting/Cambridge Technology Partners, 1998 –2000** Senior Business Analyst and Senior Business Consultant, delivered sustainable change with measurable results on a fixed-time, fixed cost basis of \$2.7 and 3.5 million dollars in documented annual client increased net profit by identifying and implementing process improvements.

**TEACHING:**

**Florida Gulf Coast University - Adjunct Professor - Environmental & Land Use Law 2005 - 2009.**  
Masters of Public Administration program: **Environmental & Land Use Law.**

**EDUCATION:**

**University of Florida –Law School** Gainesville, Florida, Juris Doctor (J.D.) 1988

- Jessup’s Cup Moot Court Team;
- UF Law Center for Governmental Responsibility Fellowship recipient

**University of Miami -** Bachelor Science degree in **Marine Sciences/Geology**, Coral Gables, Florida, 1985

**PROFESSIONAL:**

**Admitted to Florida Bar – 1988** (Over 20+ years as member in good standing)

**Board Certified in City County and Local Government Law** by The Florida Bar – 2004 (Certified)

**Florida Federal Courts: Admitted** Middle District Fla., Southern District Fla., Northern District Florida

**Florida State Courts: Admitted** all state circuits, all appellate district courts, Florida Supreme Court

**The Florida Bar, Sections and Committees:**

- **City, County and Local Government Law Section**, to present
- **Environmental and Land Use Law Section (ELULS)**, Executive Council, 1993-2001
- **Administrative Law Section** Executive Council, 1991- 1999

**Florida League of Cities, Florida Municipal Attorney’s Association** Member/Lecturer

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**The Florida Chamber of Commerce,**

Growth Management Short Course

Environmental Permitting Short Course

**The Florida Bar, Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Programs**

Environmental and Land Use Law Section of the Florida Bar,

Administrative Law Section of the Florida Bar

Annual Environmental/Land Use Law Conference of the Florida Bar

University of Florida

**Continuing Legal Education, CLE-International Programs,**

Dealing With Government;

Wetlands Regulations;

Litigating Land Use and Takings Claims;

Defending Local Government Land Use Denials;

Regulatory Takings under the U.S. and Florida Constitution

**Florida Municipal Attorney’s Association** Noise Ordinances

**Southwest Florida Chamber of Commerce “Issues 08” – Southwest Florida Legislative Delegation**

**University of Florida Law School, Guest Lecturer: “Rewards of Local Government Career Service”**

**A Sustainable Southwest Florida: Creating a Vision.** Participant as City Attorney