



## TARA R. PRICE

### **PARTNER**

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Tara R. Price is a partner in the Tallahassee office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where she is a member of the Appellate Practice Group.

Tara focuses her practice on administrative, commercial, constitutional, and appellate litigation. She represents both public and private clients in complex disputes before Florida's Division of Administrative Hearings, the district courts of appeal, the Florida Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, assisting her clients as they navigate regulatory and political challenges.

In addition to her experience in all aspects of appellate advocacy and procedure, Tara has extensive experience advising and litigating high-profile matters in federal district court on behalf of governmental clients, including the Florida Senate and Florida Secretary of State. Tara's representative experience also includes helping to secure a key victory for Florida's electric cooperatives in a high-profile matter before the Florida Supreme Court, which resulted in the rejection of a proposed constitutional amendment that would have radically altered the way Florida's electric cooperatives and other electric utilities operate their utility businesses. In addition to successfully representing regional associations of Florida Pilots seeking rate increases before the Florida Pilotage Rate Review Committee and Board of Pilot Commissioners, Tara has also represented Florida's business interests before the Florida Supreme Court in matters such as the Daubert evidentiary rule and Florida's summary-judgment procedure.

Prior to her private practice experience, Tara was a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Adalberto Jordan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the Honorable Robert L. Hinkle of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida. During law school, Tara interned for the Honorable Charles T. Canady of the Florida Supreme Court and was selected to serve as a gubernatorial fellow in 2010 and 2011 for Governors Charlie Crist and Rick Scott.

Tara also draws upon her substantial political and governmental experience prior to attending law school, including her service as a communications professional in the state's executive and legislative branches, as well as on numerous presidential and statewide campaigns. She worked as

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the communications director for Florida Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink from 2006 to 2009 and also worked in the Florida House of Representatives during more than 10 regular and special sessions, analyzing legislation and assisting dozens of state legislators with media relations and constituent outreach.

### Practice Areas

Appellate

Constitutional Law

Government Law

Litigation

Political Law

### Industry Focus

Government

### Accolades

- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2019-2021
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Ones to Watch,
  - Appellate Practice, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
  - Government Relations Practice, 2024, 2025, 2026
- Fellow, The Florida Bar's William Reece Smith Jr. Leadership Academy

### Education

- Florida State University College of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2012
  - Order of the Coif, 2012
  - *Florida State University Law Review*
    - Senior Editor, 2012
    - Meritorious Service Award, Volume 39, 2011-2012
    - Best Overall Student Article, Volume 39, 2011-2012
- Moot Court
  - Winner, Best Appellate Advocate, Final Four Moot Court Team, 2010

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- Best Brief, J. Braxton Craven Memorial Competition, 2012
- Best Petitioner Brief, Evan A. Evans Constitutional Law Competition, 2011
- Mock Trial
  - FSU Intramural Competition "Best Advocate," 2010
- Book Awards: Criminal Procedure-Police, Judicial Opinion Writing, Supreme Court Role Play, Constitutional Law II, Land Use Regulation, Florida Administrative Practice, 20th Century American Legal History, and Legal Writing & Research II, 2010-2012
- University of South Florida, B.A., Political Science, *cum laude*, 2001
  - Student Government Vice President, 2000-2001
  - College Leadership Florida, Class IV, 2000
  - Kappa Delta Sorority, 1998-2001
  - USF Ambassadors, 2000-2001
  - Vice President of Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society), 1998-1999

## Bar Admissions

Florida

## Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

## Professional and Civic

- Florida State University College of Law Alumni Board, Board of Directors, 2016 – present
  - Chair of Alumni Outreach Committee
- The Florida Bar
  - Leadership Academy Committee, 2018 – present
  - Second Judicial Circuit Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee, 2016 – present
- American Bar Association
  - Litigation Committee

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- Young Lawyers Division
- Tallahassee Women Lawyers
- Fellow, The Florida Bar's William Reece Smith Jr. Leadership Academy

## Publications

- Co-Author, "Appellate Case Notes," The Florida Bar's *Administrative Law Section Newsletter*
  - September 2021; June 2021; March 2021; December 2020; September 2020; June 2020; March 2020; December 2019; September 2019; June 2019; March 2019; December 2018; September 2018; June 2018; March 2018; December 2017; September 2017; June 2017; March 2017; September 2016; June 2016; March 2016
- Co-Author, "Florida Supreme Court Adopts Federal Summary Judgment Standard," *Blog*, January 4, 2021
- Co-Author, "What Florida Businesses Need to Know About the COVID-19 Response," *Blog*, March 23, 2020
- Author, "The Case for *Daubert* in Administrative Hearings," The Florida Bar's *Administrative Law Section Newsletter*, March 2019
- Contributor, "You've Come a Long Way Baby: Stripping Pornography from America's Workplaces," *92 Fla. Hist. Q.* 261, 2013
- Contributor, "'Bull' Coming from the States: Why the Supreme Court Should Use *Williams v. Illinois* to Close One of Bullcoming's Confrontation Clause Loopholes," *Florida State Law Review*, March 2012