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Brett Renton is a partner in the Orlando office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Business Litigation Practice Group.

A Certified Circuit Civil Mediator, Brett is a Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated attorney and has been recognized by *Florida Super Lawyers* in business litigation. Brett represents individuals, companies, corporations, banks and government entities in business litigation/transactions, construction law, landlord-tenant matters, and government/environmental issues.

Business Litigation

Brett has handled contract disputes, partnership breakups, dissolution's of companies, franchise/franchisee matters, and debt collection. He also works on both compliance with and litigation over consumer protection laws including the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act (FCCPA), and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA). Additionally, Brett has advised a number of clients concerning their business issues.

Construction Law

Brett represents general contractors and other construction entities on many issues, including payment disputes and construction lien issues.

Landlord Tenant Matters

Brett represents tenants and landlords in all aspects of lease transactions, with an emphasis on commercial leasing. He has handled eviction claims, non-payment of rent actions, non-monetary defaults, and other leasing issues.

Government/Environmental Law

Among other government clients, Brett has represented the Sanford Airport Authority, the government entity that runs the Orlando-Sanford International Airport, for nearly 16 years. Brett has handled compliance issues concerning: financial and document disclosure requirements, public meeting requirements, federal and state grants, the Florida Sunshine Law, employee concerns, construction, environment, eminent domain and inverse condemnation matters. Additionally, Brett

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has worked with governments on a number of environmental issues and concerns, especially dealing with the use of PFAS in fire-fighting suppression foams.

Practice Areas

Construction

Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy

Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation

Environmental

Litigation

Real Estate

Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Task Force

Energy

Equine Law

Industry Focus

Government

Aerospace and Defense

Real Estate

Construction

Accolades

- [Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated](#)
- Certified Circuit Civil Mediator
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
- Recognized by *Orlando Family Magazine* as one of 75 "Awesome Attorneys," 2016
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Business Litigation
 - *Rising Star*, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
 - *Super Lawyer*, 2018, 2019, 2020
- Orange County Bar Association Outstanding Executive Council Member Award for Board Service in 2016-2017 (Presented May of 2017)

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Education

- Florida State University College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2007
- University of Florida, B.A., Business Administration, *cum laude*, 2004
- University of Florida, B.S., Advertising, 2004

Bar Admissions

Florida

Court Admissions

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

Professional and Civic

- **Florida Airports Council (2017-Present)**
 - Legal Committee: Chair (2024-Present)
 - Legal Committee: Vice-Chair (2020-2024)
- **Tiger Bay Club of Central Florida**
 - Board of Directors (2023-Present)
- **Fifth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission (Dec. 30, 2016- July 1, 2020)**
- **Florida Citrus Sports Association**
 - Bowl Team Scout Committee (2008-Present)
 - Military Affairs Committee (2008-2011)
- **Ninth Judicial Circuit Certified Process Server Program**
 - OCBA Representative Committee Member; appointed by Chief Judge (June 2017-Present)
- **Ninth Judicial Circuit Local Professionalism Panel; appointed by Chief Judge (2016- 2018)**
- **Orange County Bar Association Foundation**
 - Board Member (2019-Present)
 - Treasurer (2024-Present)
- **Orange County Bar Association**
 - Executive Council (2016-2017)

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- Young Lawyers Section: Immediate Past President (2017-2018); President (2016-2017); Board Member (2012-2016); Treasurer (2013-2015); Chairperson, Golf Committee (2010-2012); Chairperson, Social Committee (2011-2013); Young Lawyer Division, Florida Representative at the 2013 ABA Annual Meeting; Judicial Relations Committee - YLS Liaison (2013-2017)
- **One Hope United Charity**
 - Board of Directors (2016- 2019)
 - Executive Committee (2017- 2019)
 - Governance Committee (2016-2024): Chair (2017-2019)
 - Mergers and Acquisition Committee (2018-Present)

Presentations

- "Legal Hot Topics – What Are We Facing Now And What’s On The Horizon," 54th Florida Airports Council Annual Conference & Exposition (July 26, 2023)
- 9th Annual Circuit Court Boot Camp: The Nuts and Bolts (May 8, 2020)
- "PFAS Part 1: The PFAS Problem: an overview of the issue, product-liability litigation update; airport construction and other implications," Florida Airports Council’s Education and Training Summit (October 7, 2020)
- 8th Annual Circuit Court Boot Camp: The Nuts and Bolts (FL), Pincus Professional Education Seminar; Afternoon Session (June 7, 2019)
- Young Lawyer Panelist, "Practicing with Professionalism," Orange County Bar Association (January 28, 2016)

In The News

- "[Lawsuits and Limits Multiply with PFAS Chemicals Problem](#)," *Engineering News-Record* (January 20, 2021)