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Fred Werdine is a partner in the Tampa office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Business Litigation Practice Group. Fred focuses exclusively in the areas of eminent domain, condemnation, inverse condemnation and property rights litigation. With more than 30 years of experience, Fred has represented property and business owners as well as select condemning authorities throughout the state of Florida. He is a Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated attorney, also recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*® for his work in Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law.

For a sample list of cases that Fred has handled as lead counsel, click [here](#).

Practice Areas

Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation
Litigation

Industry Focus

Real Estate
Hospitality
Financial Services

Accolades

- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated
- TAMPA Magazine's Top Lawyer in Eminent Domain/Condemnation Law, 2020, 2021
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Education

- University of Florida Levin College of Law, J.D., 1986
- University of Tennessee, B.S., in Finance and Real Estate, 1983

Bar Admissions

Florida

Professional and Civic

Professional Activities

- The Florida Bar Eminent Domain Committee
- The Hillsborough County Bar Association
 - Eminent Domain Committee, Chairman, 1995-1996
 - Environmental and Land Use Section
- Association of Eminent Domain Professionals
- Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Tampa: Class of 2008
- Leadership Tampa Bay: Class of 2005
- American Bar Association
 - Section of Litigation, Condemnation, Zoning and Land Use Committee
 - Section of Real Property, Condemnation Committee

Civic & Charitable Activities

- Hyde Park United Methodist Church
- Tampa Preparatory School
- Robinson High School
- Metropolitan Ministries

Presentations

- Speaker, "I'm From the Government and I'm Here to Help: What you Need to Know When the Government Knocks on Your Door about an Eminent Domain Matter," Associate of Corporate Counsel – West Central Florida Chapter, October 2011
- Speaker, "Eminent Domain," Hillsborough County Paralegal Association, Tampa, FL, February 2005

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- Speaker, "Legal Issues for Florida Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers," Half Moon LLC, Tampa, FL, February 2005
- Speaker, "Telecommunications Issues and Eminent Domain," Nextel Seminar, Maitland, FL, November 2003
- Speaker, "Taking of Property by Eminent Domain," National Business Institute – Land Use Planning and Eminent Domain in Florida Seminar, October 1997
- Speaker, "Procedures and Considerations for the Recovery of Costs in Eminent Domain Actions," Florida Conference of Circuit Court Judges, September 1995
- Speaker, "Determination of Attorneys' Fees in Florida Condemnation Proceedings," Hillsborough County Bar Association – Eminent Domain Seminar, June 1993
- Speaker, "Valuation of Property in Recessionary Times," Hillsborough County Bar Association, Eminent Domain Seminar, 1992
- Speaker, "Business Damages in Florida," Hillsborough County Bar Association – Eminent Domain Seminar, Tampa, FL 1991
- Speaker, "Legislative/Case Law Update," Hillsborough County Bar/Realtors Association Seminar, March 1996
- Speaker, "Overview of Appraiser and Attorney Relationship," The Society of Real Estate Appraisers, Condemnation Seminar, 1989

Publications

- Author, "Order of Taking," Eminent Domain Practice & Procedure Manual, 5th Edition, *The Florida Bar Journal*, 1996, Update, 1999
- Author, "Compensation for the Loss of Direct Access," *The Lawyer*, Hillsborough Bar Association, October 1995
- Author, "Order of Taking," Eminent Domain Practice & Procedure Manual, 4th Edition, *The Florida Bar Journal*, Update, 1992
- Author, "Damages Caused by the Impairment of Access to a Pre-existing Roadway," *The Lawyer*, Hillsborough County Bar Association, December 1992