



MARK D. THOMSON

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Mark Thomson is a partner in the Orlando office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Real Estate Practice Group. Mark is a licensed Landscape Architect and former Vice President of Operations for one of the nation's largest production home builders.

A Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent rated attorney, Mark's combined areas of experience include an extensive background in:

- Zoning and Land Use Entitlements for Residential and Commercial Development
- Commercial and Residential Real Estate Transactions
- Commercial and Residential Permitting, Development, and Construction
- Creation of Governing Homeowner and Commercial Owner Association Documents
- Commercial Leasing and Landlord/Tenant Dispute Resolution
- Complex Business, Corporate, and Construction Litigation
- Business Entity Formation and Corporate Transactions

Professional and Community Involvement

Mark is currently the Chair of the Development Advisory Board to the Orange County Board of County Commissioners, where he and his fellow Board Members review proposed Orange County land development regulations affecting development and recommend needed changes or revisions to the Board of County Commissioners. Mark is also a former member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Orlando Business Network and has also served as Past President. He is the Past Chairman of the Federal Emergency Management Association Legal Assistance Program of the Broward County Bar Association, Past Chairman of the Ft. Lauderdale Community Appearance Board, and Past Chairman of the Ft. Lauderdale Unsafe Structures and Housing Appeals Board.

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He has several published articles and treatises in the areas of title insurance, commercial real estate financing, real estate transactions, and has been a featured speaker at Continuing Legal Education seminars in the areas of title insurance, commercial real estate financing, and land surveying.

Practice Areas

Litigation

Real Estate

Accolades

- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent Rated

Education

- University of Miami School of Law, J.D., 1989
- Syracuse University, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, *cum laude*, 1981
- State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, B.S., Environmental Sciences, emphasis in Civil Engineering, *cum laude*, 1980

Bar Admissions

Florida

Court Admissions

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

Languages

Proficient in Spanish

Professional and Civic

- Orange County Bar Association
- Chair and member, Orange County Development Advisory Board

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- Past President and former member of the Board, Greater Orlando Business Network
- Past Chairman, Broward County Bar Association, Federal Emergency Management Association Legal Assistance Program
- Past Chairman, Ft. Lauderdale Community Appearance Board
- Past Chairman, Ft. Lauderdale Unsafe Structures and Housing Appeals Board

Presentations

- Speaker, "Title Insurance Policies and Commitments," Advanced Principals of Title Insurance in Florida, National Business Institute Seminar (February 16, 2001)
- Speaker, "Loan Commitments – Buyer and Lender Perspectives, and Survey and Title Issues," Lorman Education Services Seminar (July 31, 2001)
- Speaker, "Florida Real Estate Title Law: Problems and Solutions," National Business Institute Seminar Speaker (March 08, 2002)
- Speaker, "Florida Real Estate Practice for Paralegals," Half Moon, LLC Seminar (May 17, 2002)