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Michael J. ("Micky") Grindstaff is a partner in Shutts & Bowen's Orlando office where he is a member of the Real Estate Practice Group. Micky served as Shutts' firmwide Managing Partner from 2014 until 2021. He is also a Florida Supreme Court Certified Civil Circuit Mediator.

Since 1982, Micky's practice of law has been concentrated in the areas of real estate transactions, land use and development. He has handled numerous transactions involving the acquisition, zoning, permitting, development and sale of retail shopping centers, mixed-use developments, residential subdivisions, multi-family apartment complexes, office buildings and Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs). He has negotiated and prepared sophisticated acquisition, sale, lease, financing, easement and land use related documentation, including annexation agreements and development agreements.

In addition, Micky has handled many real estate related litigation matters including condemnations, title disputes, *ad valorem* taxation disputes, landlord/tenant disputes, mortgage foreclosures, receiverships, and zoning and land use litigation. He has also been intensely involved in several comprehensive and substantial loan work-out matters, representing both developers and institutional lenders.

Practice Areas

Land Use & Zoning

Real Estate

Industry Focus

Real Estate

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Accolades

- University of Central Florida - Distinguished Alumni Award, 2019
- UCF College of Business Hall of Fame
- UCF College of Business, 50th Anniversary Award for Excellence

Micky has also been recognized for his legal accomplishments by the following publications and directories:

- [Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Rated, 5.0 out of 5](#)
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Eminent Practitioner
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use
- *Best Lawyers in America®*
 - Real Estate Law
 - Lawyer of the Year (Real Estate Law), 2025
 - Lawyer of the Year (Real Estate Law), 2014
 - Litigation-Real Estate Law
 - Lawyer of the Year (Litigation - Real Estate), 2021
- *Orlando Magazine*, "The Best Lawyers in Orlando"
- *Florida Trend's Legal Elite*
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Real Estate
- Orlando's Best Lawyers
- *Who's Who Legal, The International Who's Who of Real Estate Lawyers*

Education

- Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law, J. D., *cum laude*, 1982
- University of Central Florida, B.S.B.A., 1978

Bar Admissions

Florida

Professional and Civic

- Certified Civil Circuit Mediator by the Florida Supreme Court

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Micky serves or has previously served his profession and his community in the following areas:

- Chairman and Member of University of Central Florida Board of Trustees
- Member of the Board of Directors, Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts
- Member of the Board of Directors, Orange County Sheriff Foundation
- Appointment by former Senator Mel Martinez as past statewide Chairman and Member of Federal Judicial Nominating Committee (four years)
- Chairman and Member, Orange County Planning and Zoning Commission (five years)
- Member of the Orange County Board of Zoning Adjustment
- Trustee, Orlando Science Center (four years)
- Chairman and Director of the University of Central Florida Foundation
- Director, University of Central Florida Athletic Association
- Director, UCF Alumni Association
- Chairman and President, UCF Golden Knights Club, Inc.
- UCF Alumni Trustee (Lifetime Member)