

Harvey Oyer, III, Appointed to Board of Florida Supreme Court Historical Society

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Harvey E. Oyer, III, a partner at Shutts & Bowen, has been appointed to the Board of the Florida Supreme Court Historical Society, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve and promote the history of the Florida Supreme Court and Florida's judiciary.

Oyer has an extensive background in history and historic preservation. His great-great grandparents were the first permanent non-native settlers in South Florida over 140 years ago. Prior to pursuing his legal career, Oyer was a professional archaeologist, having graduated with a master's in archaeology from the University of Cambridge. He's been involved in a number of historic preservation efforts, including the restoration of the 1916 Palm Beach County Courthouse, the restoration of Worth Avenue in Palm Beach, and the creation of the Richard and Pat Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum. Oyer has published three children's books about Florida history, which have won numerous awards and are widely used by schools throughout Florida.

"My family played an important role in the history of South Florida," said Oyer. "I look forward to continuing that legacy by combining my strong interest in Florida history with my love of the legal profession to assist the Board of the Florida Supreme Court Historical Society."

About the Society

Incorporated in 1977, the Florida Supreme Court Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with more than 800 members. It is committed to making sure people understand the importance of a strong, independent judiciary in our governmental balance of power. Likewise, it works to save and maintain for future generations the records of the people and events that have shaped the evolution of Florida's court system from the early 1800s, through the 20th Century, and beyond.

About Harvey Oyer, III

Oyer, a fifth generation native of Palm Beach County, is based out of Shutts & Bowen's West Palm Beach office where he focuses his practice in real estate and is the Chair of the Land Use Practice Group. Oyer has served as Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches and the Historical Society of Palm Beach County as well as a Director of the Palm Beach County Education Commission, a Trustee and General Counsel of the South Florida Science Museum, and a Director of the Florida Historical Society. He is an accomplished historian, lecturer and writer on topics ranging from law, history, and archaeology to international laws regarding antiquities trafficking and cultural property protection. He is also an award-winning and best-selling children's book author.

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