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& MYERS, P.A.

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1948

Our Attorneys Have Proudly Served Clients Since 1948 and Will
Continue to Represent Their Best Interests in the Future.



The best of both worlds

*You'll enjoy the same
"big firm" resources
& capabilities — with
personalized service
and a hands-on
approach to all
your legal needs.*

A Hands-On Approach to Legal Representation

While we have adapted to clients' needs and to changing business climates, the principles upon which Peterson & Myers was founded have never wavered. We remain dedicated to quality – and to providing our clients with a personal, individualized approach to legal representation.

Since we first opened our doors in 1948, the firm has taken pride in our hands-on approach to clients' business matters. By working closely with clients, our attorneys develop longstanding relationships – avoiding the impersonal atmosphere that often exists in larger firms.

In short, Peterson & Myers offers the resources and capabilities of a larger firm, with the accessibility and personal touch of a smaller firm – giving clients "the best of both worlds" to meet their needs in today's highly competitive business environment.

An Emphasis on Community

The attorneys at Peterson & Myers are deeply committed to the communities in which they live and work. Many of our attorneys were born or raised in Central Florida. As active participants in various programs and organizations, members of the firm have risen to leadership positions and have personal relationships with many other community leaders.



We firmly
believe

*that business
lawyers should
make deals
happen, not get
in the way. We
look forward
to working
for you.*

Corporate & Business

Peterson & Myers has long been known for facilitating and adding value to a broad scope of business transactions. Whether it involves counseling entrepreneurs in the formation and growth of new business ventures, or assisting established businesses to move to the next level of growth and profitability, our business lawyers work hard to know your business and provide expert advice for your particular transaction. We also represent a wide array of commercial lenders and have transactional experience with state and local governmental agencies, so that when our clients want to “do business” in Central Florida, they can move quickly and efficiently.

Our practice includes providing services in the following areas (as well as many others):

- Formation of new corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, joint ventures and other business entities, and the drafting of agreements amongst their owners
- Negotiation and drafting of complex transactional documents
- Commercial and private loan transactions
- Succession planning for closely-held businesses
- Stock and asset sale and purchase transactions, including mergers and conversions
- Employment matters, including employment agreements, non-competition agreements, bonus and incentive agreements, and the protection of confidential information
- Commercial and residential construction projects
- Industrial development bond financings
- Complex litigation involving business transactions, and shareholder and partner disputes



We're well equipped

*with the expertise
to guide you through
an extensive array of
hospital & healthcare
law issues.*

Healthcare

Peterson & Myers is experienced in a wide variety of healthcare and hospital law issues. The firm provides legal services to hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, diagnostic imaging centers, physician practice groups, and individual physician and dental practices.

Our healthcare practice encompasses areas such as:

- Medical staff issues
- Business structuring
- Physician practice issues
- Hospital-Physician contracts
- Real estate and business disputes
- Medical records
- Informed consent issues
- Healthcare surrogate issues
- Advance Directives
- Tax Exemption
- Patients' Rights
- Joint Ventures among healthcare providers
- Patient treatment issues
- Managed care contractual agreements
- Payment matters
- Federal and state healthcare regulatory matters

The firm also handles healthcare litigation in both federal and state courts.



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PRACTICE AREAS



We're well
known for

*our integrity,
professionalism
and the ability to
navigate you
through all areas
of complex
environmental
& land use laws.*

Land Use and Environmental

Peterson & Myers, P.A. provides a full range of environmental, regulatory and land use representation at the federal, state, regional and local levels. The firm has the knowledge and expertise to help clients solve regulatory problems and negotiate land use and zoning processes as well as provide counseling in all facets of environmental law.

SERVICES

Entitlement of Property

Large and Small Scale Plan Amendments | Zoning and Permitting Issues
Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) | Variances | Conditional Uses

Land Development

Concurrency Requirements | Chapter 163 Development Agreements
Annexation Agreements | Utility Service Agreements | Vested Rights/
Legal Non-Conforming Use Issues | Covenants and Deed Restrictions
Environmental Permitting and Compliance

Land Use Litigation Eminent Domain

Governmental and Regulatory Takings | Inverse Condemnation

Environmental Issues

Due Diligence | Wetlands Mitigation | Mitigation Bank Permitting
Assessments and Remediation of Contaminated Lands | Sale of
Environmental Land and Conservation Easements

The firm routinely represents clients before state and federal agencies, boards and commissions and is recognized for its ability to secure controversial land use approvals. Peterson & Myers lawyers have a reputation for integrity and professionalism in the land use and environmental arenas and pride themselves on their ability to assist clients in the acquisition, sale, development and litigation of real property matters.



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We work
hand-in-hand

*with you to fully
understand all
your legal needs
and goals, then
develop a strategy
to get results &
achieve success.*

Litigation / Trial Practice

Peterson & Myers trial attorneys represent clients in all forms of civil litigation, including business and commercial disputes, personal injury and wrongful death, probate and estate disputes, and medical malpractice defense.

Our trial and appellate attorneys are recognized leaders in the legal community, and we have tried cases in nearly every Florida court and handled appeals nationwide. Although our home offices are in Polk County, our attorneys routinely practice in State and Federal Court, and we have cases pending throughout the state.

The litigation process is fraught with stress and uncertainties, and our trial practice group works hand-in-hand with our clients to understand their needs and goals and to efficiently, effectively and economically find answers and accomplish our client's objectives

Our litigation team has experience in a wide range of litigation, including:

Contract disputes | Real estate transactions
Healthcare | Personal Injury and Wrongful Death
Eminent domain and condemnation proceedings
Probate, estates and trust litigation | Bankruptcy and tax law
Labor, employment and benefits | Land use
Wage and overtime law | Construction liens and litigation
Residential and commercial foreclosure | Aviation and aircraft litigation

A member of our litigation team will meet with you, assist and advise you in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of your case, and work with you in developing a strategy to achieve success. We look forward to hearing from you and working together to achieve your goals.



Our best referrals

come from satisfied clients, business associates, friends and family members.

Personal Injury and Wrongful Death

While you won't see a Peterson & Myers attorney on a billboard or a late-night TV commercial, our trial practice group of attorneys represents clients in selected serious personal injury and wrongful death claims, including auto accidents, workplace injuries and defective products litigation.

Our best referrals come from satisfied clients, business associates, friends and family members. Many of these cases rely heavily on expert witnesses, including accident reconstruction experts, mechanical and structural engineers and consulting physicians.

Peterson & Myers attorneys have experience in working with these professionals, and our firm has significant resources to fund expensive and complex litigation. In addition to handling trial work relating to an injury or death, our attorneys also shepherd families through the Estate and Guardianship process that goes along with the loss of a loved one.

Our personal injury team has experience in a wide range of cases including:

- Automobile accidents
- Products liability
- Personal injury
- Insurance disputes
- Trucking accidents



We take
great pride

*in our vast array
of resources and
experience to
effectively advise
you in a wide
assortment of real
estate transactions.*

Real Estate

Since 1948, our firm has represented clients throughout Florida in real estate transactions ranging from the purchase of their first home, to the financing, development, and construction of major industrial and commercial real estate projects. The attorneys in our firm's real estate group pride themselves on having the resources and experience to effectively advise clients through a wide variety of real estate transactions, without losing focus on the clients' personal and business goals.

The Peterson & Myers real estate group provides legal counsel in the following areas:

Commercial and residential sales and purchases
Property leasing and management | Tax-deferred exchanges
Real estate and construction finance | Title examination and title insurance | Condominium and homeowners association law
Subdivision development and permitting | Mobile home parks
Cooperatives | Joint Ventures, partnership and equity investments
Shopping center development | Eminent domain

Unfortunately, not every transaction ends up as planned. In those cases, our attorneys also have the experience and ability to handle contract disputes, title defects such as boundary line or easement disputes, construction liens, foreclosures, property tax appeals and landlord/tenant disputes.



We would
welcome

*the opportunity to
meet with you to
discuss your estate
planning, trust and
estate needs.*

Wills, Trusts & Estates

The Wills, Trusts and Estates group at Peterson & Myers represents clients in a full spectrum of estate planning, probate, trust administration and litigation. Our estate planning services include advising clients regarding the distribution of their assets, business succession planning, probate avoidance, and minimizing estate, gift and generation skipping taxes. Our estate planning attorneys work with a wide variety of clients from preparing simple wills to preparing the most sophisticated of estate plans. We also represent clients in the administration of trusts, estates and probate, with our probate and trust attorneys routinely handling all levels of estate and trust administration and litigation. The members of our Wills, Trusts and Estate group work closely with our clients' financial and insurance advisors, accountants, banks and other professionals to arrive at the most beneficial results for our clients.

The Peterson & Myers Wills, Trusts and Estate group provides legal counsel for the following areas:

Will and Trust preparation | Estate tax, gift tax and generation skipping tax planning | Life Insurance planning and the use of irrevocable life insurance trusts | Income tax considerations | Charitable gift planning and the use of charitable remainder and charitable lead trusts
Family and business succession planning | Use of family limited partnerships and other entities | Estate and Trust administration
Probate | Probate and Trust litigation | Preparation of estate tax returns
Living Will | Health-Care Surrogate | Power of Attorney | Guardianships

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your estate planning, trust and estate needs.

ALL PRACTICE AREAS

- Agriculture Law
- American Disabilities Act
- Appellate Law
- Bankruptcy
- Bonds
- Business Crimes Law
- Business Disputes & Litigation
- Business Law / Formation
- Circuit Civil Mediator
- Citrus Bond Claims
- Civil Litigation
- Commercial Finance / Leasing
- Commercial Litigation
- Commercial Transactions
- Computer / Internet Issues
- Condominium Law
- Construction Lien Law & Litigation
- Corporate & Business
- Corporate Trust Litigation
- Creditors Rights & Debt / Collections
- Criminal
- Discrimination Litigation
- Eminent Domain
- Employment Disputes
- Estate & Business Planning
- Estate Litigation
- Estate Tax Returns
- Family Law
- Foreclosures
- Governmental Law
- Guardianship Law
- Healthcare
- Homeowners Association Law
- Hospital Law
- Insurance Litigation
- Inverse Condemnation Litigation
- Land Use & Environmental
- Land Use Litigation
- Landlord / Tenant Law
- Lender Liability Defense
- Litigation / Trial Practice
- Mass Tort Defense
- Medical Collections
- Medical Malpractice
- Mobile Home Law
- Partnership Law
- Personal Injury / Wrongful Death
- Probate Administration
- Probate Litigation
- Product Liability
- Professional Employment Litigation
- Professional Malpractice
- Real Estate
- RICO Litigation
- Sports Law
- Tax
- Trademark
- Trucking and Transportation
- Trust Administration
- Warehousing Law
- Wills, Trusts & Estates



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