

 **PETERSON
& MYERS, P.A.**
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*Our Attorneys Have Proudly Served Clients Since 1948 and Will
Continue to Represent Their Best Interests in the Future.*



About Peterson & Myers

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.



Practice Areas

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:

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



Practice Areas

Healthcare

Our Health Care Attorneys are experts on hospital law, medical malpractice, patients' rights and can provide legal services to any kind of hospital or medical office. Peterson & Myers is experienced in a wide variety of health care 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 health care 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
- Health care 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 health care regulatory matters

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

We're well equipped with the expertise to guide you through an extensive array of hospital & health care law issues.



Practice Areas

Land Use and Environmental

Peterson & Myers, P.A., provides full-service land use and environmental representation to facilitate clients through the complex regulatory framework. Our land use attorneys have served public, private and national clients in all facets of land use, environmental, property rights, land development and acquisition matters. Our clientele ranges from agricultural, commercial, office and retail, industrial, residential and mixed-use developments throughout central Florida. We work closely with our clients to develop unique solutions to complex land use and environment issues to achieve desirable and efficient outcomes.

Our land use and environmental practice encompasses areas such as:

Land Use and Land Development

- Annexations and annexation agreements
- Chapter 163 development agreements
- Comprehensive planning
- Concurrency management
- Developments of regional impact (DRIs)
- Entitlements and environmental permitting
- Endangered species permitting (bald eagles, gopher tortoises, sand skinks, etc.)
- Environmental permitting and compliance
- Planned unit developments and conditional uses
- Utility service agreements.
- Variances
- Vested rights / legal non-conforming use issues
- Zoning and rezoning

Land Use Litigation

- Administrative law hearings and litigation
- Bert Harris Act claims
- Code enforcement issues
- Comprehensive plan consistency challenges
- Quasi-Judicial decision challenges

Eminent Domain

- Bert Harris Act claims
- Governmental and regulatory takings
- Inverse condemnation
- Property rights litigation

Environmental Issues

- Assessments and remediation of contaminated lands
- Due diligence and environmental site assessments
- Endangered species and conservation areas
- Environmental resource permitting (ERP)
- Mitigation bank permitting
- Sale of environmental land and conservation easements
- Stormwater management permitting
- Submerged land leases
- Wetlands jurisdictional determinations
- Wetlands alteration and mitigation

We're well known for our integrity, professionalism and the ability to navigate you through all areas of complex environmental & land use laws.



Practice Areas

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 clients' objectives.

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

- Contract disputes
- Real estate transactions
- Health care
- 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

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.



Practice Areas

Personal Injury and Wrongful Death

Our trial practice attorneys represent clients in personal injury and wrongful death cases, auto accidents, workplace injuries and defective products litigation. 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

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Practice Areas

Real Estate

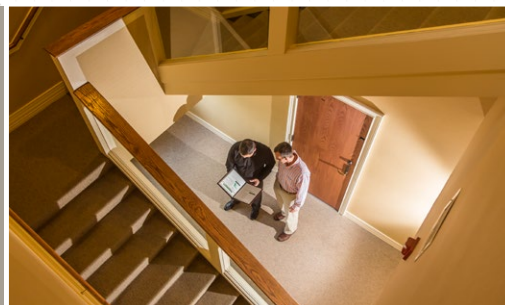
Our real estate attorneys are experienced in all forms of real estate transactions, landlord/tenant disputes, development and zoning, and eminent domain law. Since 1948, our firm has represented clients throughout Florida in real estate transactions ranging from the purchase of their first home, to the 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

We take great pride in our vast array of resources and experience to effectively advise you in a wide assortment of real estate transactions.



Practice Areas

Wills, Trusts & Estates

Our Wills, Trusts and Estates group works in estate planning, probate, and trust administration and litigation. The estate planning services we offer 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 and offer services ranging from preparing simple wills to organizing sophisticated 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 Estates group will work closely with your financial and insurance advisors, accountants and banks to arrive at an outcome that is most beneficial for you.

The Peterson & Myers Wills, Trusts & Estates group provides legal counsel in 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
- Health Care
- 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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