



Administrative Law

Representation of Professionals, Businesses and Governmental Entities

Our administrative law practice involves traditional advice and representation on all forms of administrative disputes. We regularly represent clients and governmental entities in proceedings related to environmental regulations, business and professional regulations, bid protests, certificate of need proceedings, and related disputes.

Florida especially has been in the nation's forefront in growth matters. Our experience on both sides of administrative disputes allows us to offer deep insights and proactive representation focused on helping our professional, business, and governmental clients achieve favorable outcomes as cost-effectively as possible.

About Our Administrative Law Practice

Within our administrative law practice, we focus on representing clients in litigation under Florida's Administrative Procedures Act and the federal Administrative Procedures Act. These statutes are similar in name only. While both establish special rules and procedures for disputes involving governmental entities, the rules and procedures for administrative litigation at the state level in Florida are very different from those for administrative litigation in federal court.

With our lawyers' extensive administrative litigation experience throughout Florida, we are well-versed in both sets of legal requirements. We handle all types of administrative disputes in Florida, including those that involve:

- Business Regulations and Licensing – We handle administrative disputes involving all business regulations and licensing matters in Florida.

- Professional Regulations and Licensing – We handle all regulatory and licensing matters for various Florida professionals, including lawyers, architects, appraisers, and engineers, among others. We help professionals defend their licenses and protect their right to practice, and we help state licensing boards fulfill their duty to protect Florida's citizens and businesses.

- Environmental Regulations – State and federal environmental regulations impact many aspects of business and real estate development in Florida. We have extensive experience working with clients to protect their interests while duly respecting the need to protect Florida's natural resources.

- Rule and Policy Challenges – Changes to rules and policies can have major implications for businesses and professionals. We represent governmental and private clients in disputes involving pending rule and policy changes as well as [appeals](#) from final agency actions.

- Bid Protests – Bid protests are high-stakes proceedings that require a speedy, yet thorough response and skilled legal representation. Our extensive experience in this area allows us to help businesses protect their rights as a bidder.

- Permit Disputes – We handle disputes involving all types of permits including beach and coastal permitting, building permits, environmental permits, wastewater and water management permits, and wetland permits, among others.

In many cases, the first formal step at the state level is to seek a resolution at the [Division of Administrative Hearings \(DOAH\)](#). The DOAH has adopted an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) program designed to streamline the administrative dispute process. In ADR cases, we work on behalf of our clients to achieve favorable non-litigation outcomes whenever possible, but always keep open the possibility of litigating to protect our clients' interests if necessary.

Speak with a Lawyer in Our Administrative Law Practice Group

If you would like to know more about our firm's administrative law practice, we invite you to get in touch. To speak with a lawyer at Paskert Divers Thompson in confidence, please call our Tampa law offices at 813-229-3500 or [contact us online](#) today.