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## Overview

Pete Winders serves as General Counsel to the firm and has done so since the position was made a full-time assignment in 2000. As such, he advises the firm and its members on legal ethics and professionalism, supervises the firm's educational programs on those subjects, and serves as the chief loss prevention and risk management officer. He has written extensively on matters of ethics and related law firm management issues. Pete is the firm's chief claims counsel and advises the Professional Liability Defense Practice.

Prior to agreeing to serve as the firm's general counsel, Pete practiced with the firm as a litigator, handling a wide variety of business and real property disputes, oil and gas matters, matters relating to corporate governance, and eminent domain matters. In that practice, he has handled matters in each of Florida's appellate courts and each federal district court. The wide variety of litigated matters provide him a sound basis to understand the ethics and practice issues peculiar to each of the firm's practice areas.

## Experience

Pete has litigated in all state and federal district courts in Florida in a wide variety of cases including: commercial and business fraud, antitrust, inverse condemnation, constitutional and statutory interpretation, civil rights, creditors' rights, attorney and accountant malpractice, eminent domain and real property disputes, oil and gas, state and local tax matters, municipal bonds, distributorship

and license disputes, land use matters, business torts, banking and financing matters, environmental regulation (including lender liability cases), and probate matters.

## Insights

04.03.2024

Negotiations and the Art of Communicating — Part 3

*Journal of Bankruptcy Law*

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02.28.2024

Why Our Law Firm Bans Generative AI for Research and Writing

*Bloomberg Tax*

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02.23.2024

Negotiations and the Art of Communicating — Part 2

*Journal of Bankruptcy Law*

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01.06.2024

Negotiations and the Art of Communicating — Part I

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10.29.2020

Handbook for Law Firm General Counsel

*Attorneys' Liability Assurance Society*

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10.01.2014

Resolving the Judicial Manager/Judicial Judge Debate: So What Would Help?

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09.24.2014

Resolving the Judicial Manager/Judicial Judge Debate: Theories and Fads of Civil Procedure

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09.17.2014

Resolving the Judicial Manager/Judicial Judge Debate: The Effect of Early Issue Resolution

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09.10.2014

Resolving the Judicial Manager/Judicial Judge Debate: Axioms and Elements of a Settlement

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05.02.2011

Tests for Making Difficult Decisions

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12.06.2010

Tough Decisions – or Easy Ones That Half Your Colleagues Will Disagree With

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09.25.2009

More 'The Emails' - In-firm Education in Small Doses

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06.05.2007

The E-mails - Loss Prevention and Ethics in Small Doses

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09.01.2006

An Integrated Law Firm Loss Prevention Matrix

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08.01.2005

The Ideal Law Firm Compensation System, the Professional Lawyer

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05.23.2005

Law Firm General Counsel - Extravagance or Necessity?

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06.01.2004

Law Firm Culture-Its Importance and How to Overcome It

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01.01.2003

Unintended Consequences (The Essence of Law Firm Management)

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## Recognition

- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Florida Legal Elite, *Florida Trend Magazine* (2004)

## Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- Eagle Scout

## Speaking Engagements

Pete has lectured on a number of subjects, including choice of remedy, Florida oil and gas law, and professionalism.

- "Effective Risk Management and Culture Change," Law Firm General Counsel's Forum, The Hildebrandt Institute, New York, NY (November 15, 2004)
- National Conference on Professional Responsibility, ABA Center for Professional Responsibility (June 2004)

## Credentials

### Education

- Vanderbilt University Law School (J.D., magna cum laude, 1964)
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  - Phi Beta Kappa
- Vanderbilt University (B.A., cum laude, 1962)

### Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

### Bar Admissions

- Florida