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Paul Figg is a partner of the Government Regulatory Team based in Berger Singerman's Fort Lauderdale office. Serving as an Assistant County Attorney in Broward County, Paul gained extensive experience representing general-purpose local governments, including preparation of ordinances and resolutions, land use and zoning review, administrative law, ethics and elections, bid protests, constitutional rights, Bert J. Harris Act, intergovernmental conflicts, solid waste and flow control, construction disputes, labor disputes and disciplinary proceedings, employment discrimination, personal injury, equitable subrogation, and maritime and aviation law.

He has also held prominent posts, including Assistant City Attorney for City of Miramar and Assistant City Attorney for the City of Weston, and been appointed Special Ethics Counsel to the City of Miami Commission.

As an Assistant County Attorney, Paul represented Broward County as lead plaintiff among a group of counties and municipalities that challenged the Florida Department of Agriculture's implementation of its Citrus Canker Eradication Program, which involved numerous issues related to search and seizure, administrative warrants, substantive and procedural due process, and takings.

Additionally, his experience includes advising private clients, local government and county agencies on land use, intergovernmental disputes, taxation, employment and labor disputes, solid waste, public records and meetings laws and elections. Paul is also experienced in constitutional litigation, including due process, free speech and the establishment clause. Paul is one of the very few attorneys in Florida that has been involved in

multiple litigations under the Dormant Commerce Clause.

Education

J.D., University of Florida Frederic G. Levin College of Law
B.A. in Philosophy/English, *magna cum laude*, University of South Florida

Bar Admissions

Florida

Practice Teams

Government and Regulatory

Practice Areas

Aviation
Energy & Utilities
Government Disputes
Government Permitting & Licensing
Hospitality & Leisure
State & Local Government Law
Urban Redevelopment

Representative Matters

- Recently served as Assistant Airport Legal Counsel to the Boca Raton Airport Authority, and in connection with such representation, had prepared various resolutions, regulations, and bylaws, along with the Airport's procurement code, sign standards and other organic documents.
- Represented the owner of one of the largest mobile home parks in South Florida, and coordinated the closing of the mobile home park and plans for re-development of the land while lobbying against efforts on the part of the Town of Davie to attempt to pass on the relocation expenses of residents to the mobile home park owner.
- Represents The GEO Group, Inc., in connection with the negotiation of water and wastewater service agreements with the City of Moore Haven, Desoto County, City of Milton, the Village of Baldin, MI, and Webber Township, MI.
- Represented Metro Cruise Services in connection with their efforts to obtain a franchise to perform stevedoring services at Port Everglades, and in connection therewith assisted in litigation pursuant to 42 USC s. 1983 on the Commerce Clause and the Public Records Laws.
- Represented the Dade County Classroom Teachers' Association in appeal of property tax assessments levied against the Association as a good faith purchaser of real property and secured a tax reduction in excess of $300,000
- Serve as general counsel for Florida High Schools for Accelerated Learning in Broward and Palm Beach Counties

- Represent SMG, the company that manages the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center, in connection with vendor contracting and public records requirements

Awards & Honors

- *Florida's Super Lawyers,* 2014
- *Florida's Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2010, 2012-2013
- President's Award from the Builders Association of South Florida (BASF), 2008
- *Martindale-Hubbell*, AV® Preeminent™ rated

Community Activities / Associations

- Board of Directors & Executive Committee of Port Everglades Association
- Board of Directors, ChildNet
- Builders Association of South Florida Representative, Broward County Housing Council
- General Counsel, Broward Housing Solutions
- Leaders of Tomorrow
- Chairman, Port Everglades Association Political Action Committee

In the News

Marco Eagle Quotes Paul Figg in "Fourth lawsuit on rentals, how it differs from the rest"
June 7, 2023

Sun-Sentinel Quotes Paul Figg in, "Here's why court may have reversed itself on COVID cruise rules"
July 26, 2021

Florida Politics quotes Paul Figg in, "Broward Tax Looks to Future of Transportation"
January 31, 2019

Law360 quotes Leonard Samuels in, "Fla. City Ordered To Provide Water Service To Private Prison"
April 12, 2017

Berger Singerman Represents 301 South Gulfview LLC in Sale of Hyatt Regency Clearwater
January 31, 2016

Berger Singerman Elevates David Black and Paul Figg to Partner
January 3, 2016

Publications

Client Alert: Economic Resources for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19
March 25, 2020

Doing Business in Florida Blog

Time to Get Your Lottery Ticket! Florida's Quota Beverage License Drawing Is the Lottery for the Hospitality Industry
August 8, 2016

To Lien or Not to Lien (a Liquor License): Understanding the Benefits and the Risks
August 7, 2016

Prior Affiliations

- Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske – October 2005 to September 2006
- Broward County Attorney's Office – October 2002 to October 2005
- Former Assistant County Attorney for Broward County
- Former Assistant City Attorney for City of Miramar
- Former Assistant City Attorney for City of Weston
- Former Legal Counsel to the Boca Raton Airport Authority
- Former Special Ethics Counsel to City of Miami Commission