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Colin Roopnarine is a partner on Berger Singerman's Government and Regulatory Team, based in Tallahassee, and focuses his practice on administrative law, state licensing/permitting, and state agency matters. Prior to joining the firm, Colin served as General Counsel for the Office of Financial Regulation, regulating financial institutions, securities and consumer finance business entities.

Colin's career began at the Department of Community Affairs, where he specialized in Administrative Law, Land-Use Law and Emergency Management. He has worked for the Department of Financial Services where he litigated workers' compensation cases and served as appellate counsel on a number of cases. He was also a member of the Administrative Judiciary by serving as a Hearing Officer at the Public Employees' Relations Commission where he presided over labor and employment cases. He also served as the Commission's Appellate Counsel. In 2010, he was the Assistant Chair, and was a lecturer and presenter at the "36th Annual Public Employment Relations Forum." In 2011, Colin joined the Department of Business and Professional Regulation as the Deputy General Counsel of Professions, wherein he was also selected to lead DBPR's Litigation Team as its Chief. While serving as the agency's Deputy General Counsel Colin organized several CLE programs ranging in length from one hour to two days. In 2013, he was hired by the Office of Financial Regulation to serve as its General Counsel and Chief Ethics Officer.

Colin, AV® Rated Preeminent by Martindale Hubbell, is a Florida Bar Board Certified Specialist in State and Federal Government and Administrative Practice. He is an active member of the CLE Committee and Executive Committee of the Florida Bar's Administrative Law Section and is the former Chair of the Board Certification Committee for State and Federal Government and Administrative Practice. He was appointed to the 2nd Judicial Circuit's Professionalism Committee in 2012. He is also the former President of the Florida

General Counsels' Association, He has been named to *Florida Trend* magazine's Legal Elite list. Since 2017 he has been a member of the Florida Bar's Board of Legal Specialization and Education.

Colin is also a former Adjunct Professor at the Florida State University College of Law where he taught "Depositions" in the Fall, and "Florida Administrative Litigation" in the Spring.

Education

J.D., Florida State University College of Law
Graduate School Program, University of South Florida
B.S., University of South Florida

Bar Admissions

Florida
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

Practice Teams

Government and Regulatory

Practice Areas

Administrative Hearings & Appeals
Banking & Financial Services Litigation
Environmental Issues
Government Disputes
Government Permitting & Licensing
Healthcare
Labor & Employment
Land Use & Zoning
Cannabis Law Advisory Group

Awards & Honors

- *Florida Trend*, "Legal Elite" 2014 – 2018
- *850 Magazine*, Recognition for Board Certification 2014

Community Activities / Associations

- Board of Legal Specialization & Education of The Florida Bar (2017-Present)
- Executive Council, Administrative Law Section of The Florida Bar
- Florida Government General Counsels' Association (2013-Present) (President 2015-2016)
- Board Certification in State and Federal Government and Administrative Practice (SFGAP) (2007-Present)
- SFGAP Board Certification Committee (2013-2017) (Chair 2016-2017)
- Administrative Law Section of The Florida Bar
- Member, Florida Bankers Association (FBA)

- Tallahassee Bar Association – 2010-2011
- Labor and Employment Law Section of The Florida Bar - Long Range Planning Committee (2010-2011)
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- Administrative Law Section of The Florida Bar - CLE Committee (2012-Present) (Pat Dore Conference Steering Committee – 2014 and 2016); Steering Committee (2017)
- Second Judicial Circuit Professionalism Panel (2012-Present)
- FSU College of Law 1L Oral Argument Judge (2016 and 2013)
- Rotary Club of Tallahassee (2015-Present)
- Salvation Army Bell Ringer (2015 and 2012)
- Maclay High School Mock Trial Team Attorney Coach (2011-Present)
- Boy Scouts of America - Pack 109 Tiger Cub Leader (2011-2012) - Pack 112 Cub Scout Parent Assistant/ Co-Den Leader (2012-2016)
 - Florida Elite Soccer Academy U15 Boys' Premier Head Soccer Coach (2017-Present)
- Tallahassee Tottenham Hotspur Football Club Youth Soccer Coach (2016)
- Top of Florida Youth Soccer Coach (2015-2016)
- ASG/Warner Youth Soccer Coach (2015)
- Tallahassee Parks and Rec. Youth Soccer Coach (2012-2015) YMCA Youth Soccer Coach (2013)
- Capital Soccer Association Coach/Assistant Coach (2010-2012)
- Shriners International (2009-Present)
- High School Mock Trial Judge (1997-1998)

In the News

Florida Trend, "Marijuana in Florida: This Bud's for Us"
September 25, 2019

South Florida Business Journal Quotes Colin Roopnarine in "Changes could be coming to Florida's medical marijuana industry"
July 29, 2019

Law360 quotes Colin Roopnarine in, "Setbacks Shake Up Fla.'s Medical Marijuana Rollout"
August 17, 2018

South Florida Business Journal quotes Colin Roopnarine in, "Report pegs marijuana market at \$53.3B — but obstacles remain"
January 18, 2018

Seven Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2017 Edition of Florida Trend's "Legal Elite"
June 22, 2017

Law360 quotes Colin Roopnarine in, "Fla. Legislature Reaches Deal to Address Medical Marijuana"
June 7, 2017

WFSU Public Media quotes Colin Roopnarine in, "Leaving Medical Marijuana Out Of Special Session Prompts Uncertainty"
June 5, 2017

Law360 quotes Colin Roopnarine in, "Legislation Could Ease Litigation On Fla. Medical Pot Laws"
May 16, 2017

Law360 mentions Colin Roopnarine on, "Fla. Legislature Faces Session Extension To Complete Budget"
May 2, 2017

?Jacksonville Business Journal quotes Colin Roopnarine on "Florida Department of Health tackles medical marijuana with proposed new rule"

January 19, 2017

Orlando Business Journal quotes Colin Roopnarine on "?Florida Department of Health tackles medical marijuana with proposed new rule"

January 18, 2017

Law360 quotes Colin Roopnarine on "After Historic Vote, Fla. Drafts New Medical Pot Rules"

January 17, 2017

Tampa Bay Times quotes Colin Roopnarine on "Health officials begin medical marijuana rules process"

January 17, 2017

Tampa Bay Business Journal quotes Colin Roopnarine on "Florida medical marijuana delays possible, attorney says"

January 13, 2017

WFSU interviews Colin Roopnarine on "Florida Might Face Physician Shortfall As Medical Marijuana Expands"

January 6, 2017

Tallahassee Democrat quotes Colin Roopnarine on "Questions remain for businesses after passage of Amendment 2"

November 10, 2016

Palm Beach Post quotes Colin Roopnarine on "Amendment 2 passes in landslide: What's next for legal pot?"

November 9, 2016

Berger Singerman Expands Government and Regulatory Team with Colin Mark Roopnarine, Former General Counsel at the Florida Office of Financial Regulation

September 1, 2016

Publications

Growing Florida, "Hemp's Future in Florida"

February 19, 2019

Daily Business Review, "The State of Medical Marijuana Is at a Crossroads in Florida"

February 1, 2019

Growing Florida, "Agency Intensive State - What That Means for Ag Labor"

November 28, 2018

South Florida Legal Guide, "Florida's Cannabis Law – First Cannabis Bank of Florida?"

March 3, 2018

South Florida Legal Guide, "Florida's Cannabis Law – Sessions Memorandum May Have Chilling Effect on Financial Institutions"

February 1, 2018

South Florida Legal Guide, "Florida's Cannabis Law – Lawsuits Generated by Amendment 2"

January 8, 2018

South Florida Legal Guide, "Florida's Cannabis Law – A Brief History"

December 18, 2017

Daily Business Review, "The Road Less Traveled – Florida's Medicinal Marijuana Journey"

February 13, 2017

Growth Management Programs: A Comparison of Selected States

January 1, 2000

Areas of Critical State Concern, Treatise on Florida Environmental and Land Use Law, REGfiles, Inc.
January 1, 2000

Doing Business in Florida Blog

Why Hemp?
June 10, 2019

Attorney General Nominee, William Barr, and Fixing Florida's Medical Marijuana Industry
January 29, 2019

Let's Talk About Hemp
December 20, 2018

Florida's Rejection of Chevron Deference
December 19, 2018

The Fate of Florida Administrative Law in Light of the Passage of Amendment 6
December 3, 2018

The Sun Shines Down on Florida – Alluring Yet Regulated
January 25, 2018

The Week in Marijuana (November 13-17, 2017)
November 21, 2017

Workers' Compensation Compliance (Securing It and Consequences for Violation) and, State Authority to Enforce
September 18, 2017

"What Was That You Said...A Compliance Examination?"
August 29, 2017

Rules
July 31, 2017

Administrative Law in Florida
July 12, 2017

The Week in Marijuana (May 22-26, 2017)
May 30, 2017

Vlog: Cloud of Uncertainty Obscuring the Implementation of Medical Marijuana in Florida
May 22, 2017

No Funding for Sessions in the War Against Medical Marijuana
May 4, 2017

The Week in Marijuana (April 24-28, 2017): "Hippies and stoners?...this is about medicine"
May 1, 2017

The Week in Marijuana (April 17-21, 2017)
April 20, 2017

The Week in Medical Marijuana (April 10-14, 2017)
April 17, 2017

Upcoming 'Sessions' in the State Legalized Marijuana and Financial Services Industry
November 22, 2016

Time Is Running out – the Florida Family Trust Company Clock Is Counting Down

November 8, 2016

Match or Clash? – Marijuana Related Businesses and Financial Institutions
October 27, 2016

Court Ruling on CFPB
October 17, 2016

Prior Affiliations

- Florida State Office of Financial Regulation
 - State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation
 - State of Florida Public Employees' Relations Commission
 - State of Florida Department of Financial Services
 - State of Florida Department of Community Affairs