

JACQUELINE BOZZUTO

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Jackie Bozzuto has extensive experience mapping out strategies for real estate development and finance for the hospitality industry and beyond. She has also assisted clients with acquiring portfolios out of bankruptcy estates, as well as multi-site and multi-state purchases and sales.

Goal-oriented, organized, gifted relationship-builder and connector of people. These skills, along with decades of experience in the restaurant industry, have earned Jackie the reputation of “trusted advisor” to clients.

Born and raised around her family’s commercial real estate, investment and management business in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands and later in south Florida, Jackie was exposed early on to running businesses smoothly. Her family operated restaurants for a number of years as well, and she transferred her love of all things culinary to advising clients on the operational side of the business. She helps clients, both locally and nationally, streamline their processes, develop acquisition programs and expand their portfolios.

Jackie’s experience mapping out strategies for real estate development and finance, including commercial leasing, extends beyond the hospitality industry. She has also represented clients acquiring hundred-million-dollar portfolios out of bankruptcy estates, as well as other multi-site and multi-state purchases and sales. In addition, she assists foreign entities and individuals with setting up optimal tax structures for ownership of residential and commercial property in the U.S.

Clients appreciate Jackie’s attention to detail, respect for their budgets, and commitment to getting the job done. They are also amazed by her ability to bring people together who will benefit from networking with each other. She is well connected in the Central Florida

community, currently serving on the Governmental Affairs Committee of CFHLA (Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association). A frequent speaker at high-profile hospitality industry events, she is the immediate past president of CREW-Orlando (Commercial Real Estate Women) and serves on numerous other boards and committees as well.

Beyond her service to clients and community, Jackie enjoys cooking, traveling, and race car driving.

Jackie has worked with many repeat clients, including:

Applebee's
Bonfish Grill
Brass Tap
Burger King
Carrabba's Italian Grill
Fleming's Prime Steak House & Wine Bar
IHOP
Jeremiah's Italian Ice
Megastron Development
Outback Steakhouse
Roy's
Seymour International
Wendy's
Wing Stop

ADMISSIONS

- Florida

EDUCATION

- University of Florida Levin College of Law, J.D., 1988
- University of Florida, B.S., 1985; Criminal Justice; Dean's List

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- CFHLA Governmental Affairs, 2011-2019
- CFHLA Allied Relations Council, 2018-2020
- CFHLA PAC/PC, Board of Directors, 2018-2019
- United Way Fund Distribution Panel, 1998
- United Way Alexis De Tocqueville Society, Committee Member
- Orlando/Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc., Board Member, 1999-2000
- Valencia Community College, Hospitality Management Advisory Committee, 1999-present
- United Way Chef's Gala, Co-host, 2015

RECOGNITION

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated
- The Best Lawyers in America guide, 2008-2023
- Florida Super Lawyers magazine, 2007-2009, 2012-2015
- Guide to the World's Leading Women in Business Law: Real Estate, 2013
- Concept Purveyor of the Year by Outback Steakhouse, Inc., 1996, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2005-2008, 2010
- Orlando Woman of Influence Award, CREW Orlando, 2017
- Recognized by the Lisa Merlin House for 10 Years as a Board Member

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Orange County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar
- Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association, Governmental Affairs Committee, 2012-present
- Central Florida Chapter of the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, Chair of Government Affairs, 1994-2010; Delegate to State Board 2009-2010
- CREW – Commercial Real Estate Women – Orlando, 2005-present; Board Member, 2008, Secretary, 2009; National Delegate, 2009-2010; President-Elect, 2010; Past President, 2011; Past Presidents Council, 2011-present
- Dr. Phillips Rotary

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- \$50 million sale of 15 Wendy's restaurants with real estate to equity capital group, with financing.
- \$55 million sale of 72 Burger King restaurant sites to purchaser.
- Assisted with implementing Bloomin Brands Sale Leaseback program on disposition of fee sites.
- Negotiated new leases for six new Bloomin Brand sites.

PRESENTATIONS

- How Recent Court Decisions & COVID-19 Impact Your Commercial Property Taxes, Lowndes, August 5, 2020
- How Recent Court Decisions & COVID-19 Impact Your Property Taxes, Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association, July 21, 2020
- The Payment Protection Program: How to Make Sure Yours is Forgiven, Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association, July 17, 2020
- Weathering the Storm: Making the Most of the Unexpected Webinar, CREW Orlando, May 7, 2020
- The Payment Protection Program: What Hotel Owners, Business Owners & Operators Need to Know Webinar, Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association, April 27, 2020

ARTICLES

- Ghost Kitchens Present Unique Leasing Considerations, Law360, November 16, 2021
- Cheers to SB148: Alcohol-to-Go Made Permanent in Florida, Lowndes, May 13, 2021
- Restaurant Revitalization Fund Applications Open on Monday, May 3, 2021, Lowndes, April 27, 2021
- SBA Partners with POS Providers to Help Restaurants Apply for RRF Grants, Lowndes, April 22, 2021
- SBA Announces New Application Details and Guidelines for the \$28.6-billion Restaurant Revitalization Fund, Lowndes, April 20, 2021
- Restaurant Revitalization Fund Provides Hope to the Food and Beverage Industry—But Applicants Will Need to Act Fast, Lowndes, March 23, 2021
- Nonprofits Now Eligible for Paycheck Protection Program Under The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Lowndes, December 30, 2020
- Disney Tax Ruling & Property Valuation [Lowndes Legal Talk], Lowndes, September 3, 2020
- Seminole County Issues Executive Order Requiring Facial Coverings, Lowndes, June 30, 2020

NEWS

- Best Lawyers Recognizes 44 Lowndes Attorneys in 2022, Five Named Lawyer of the Year, Lowndes, August 19, 2021
- Best Lawyers Recognizes 44 Lowndes Attorneys in 2021, Two Named Lawyer of the Year, Lowndes, August 20, 2020
- Jackie Bozzuto, Brendan Lynch Presenters for CFHLA Webinar on Property Taxes, Lowndes, July 21, 2020
- Jackie Bozzuto, Mark Heimendinger, Ferran Arimon Presenters for CFHLA Webinar on PPP Loan Forgiveness, Lowndes, July 17, 2020
- Jackie Bozzuto Presenter for CFHLA Webinar on Business Interruption Claims, Lowndes, June 2, 2020
- Jackie Bozzuto, Mark Heimendinger, Ferran Arimon Presenters for CFHLA Webinar on PPP2 Loans, Lowndes, January 14, 2020
- Shareholder Jackie Bozzuto receives the 2019 Allied Member of the Year Award from CFHLA, Lowndes, December 18, 2019
- Forty-three Lowndes Lawyers Earn Recognition in Best Lawyers in America 2020, Lowndes, August 15, 2019
- Jackie Bozzuto Reappointed To The 2019 CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee, Lowndes, December 27, 2018
- Forty-Four Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed Lawyers Earn Recognition in 2019 Best Lawyers in America, Lowndes, August 15, 2018