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A Virginia native originally with aspirations to become a journalist, **Brendan Lynch** fell in love with Florida and has made it his home since 2005. He represents both commercial and residential property land owners, as well as tenant business owners, in issues of property tax valuation and eminent domain/condemnation.

Brendan assists property owners throughout Florida with their property tax appeals, including assessment reviews, direct negotiations with county property appraisers, appeals to the Value Adjustment Board, and trial and appellate court proceedings. His clients include apartment projects, big box stores, national retail chains, condominiums, commercial strip centers, hotels, affordable housing, residences, student housing, vacant land, senior housing and all other commercial buildings.

With broad experience handling many different types of exemption applications, Brendan often assists clients from the application stage through challenges, to denial of any exemption, through trial and appellate court proceedings. These exemption applications include agricultural, conservation easements, educational, healthcare, homestead, military housing, non-profit, religious, and senior living.

Typically, the eminent domain cases involve a governmental entity (Florida Department of Transportation, county, city, expressway authority, or other state agency) or private utility with condemnation powers seeking to take land from the property owners. Interestingly, Brendan has also represented condemning authorities on special projects – bringing a perspective from both sides of the table.

Brendan's love for his adopted hometown of Orlando is reflected in his commitment to the community and its cultural diversity. A long-time advocate for the arts and past chair of the United Arts of Central Florida's Board of Directors, Brendan currently serves as a trustee for the Orlando Science Center and as chair of the Opera Orlando Endowment Fund. He has also served in leadership roles for the Adult Literacy League, the Orange County Teen Court, and the Heart of Florida United Way.

Practices & Industries

Property Tax Appeals

Eminent Domain & Condemnation

Litigation

Senior Housing

Renewable Energy

Affordable Housing

Admissions

Florida

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

Virginia

Clerkships

Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable G. Kendall Sharp, U.S. District Judge, Middle District of Florida, 2005-2007

Education

- George Mason University School of Law, J.D., 2005
- University of Virginia, B.A., 1998; Echols Interdisciplinary Studies

Experience

- Achieved property tax assessment reduction for internationally-known hotel from \$421 million to \$259 million, resulting in millions of dollars of savings.
- Represented a national building contractor in its application for military housing exemptions, resulting in a change in Florida law and a savings of \$17 million dollars for the client.

Recognitions

- *The Best Lawyers in America* guide, Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, 2024
- Florida Legal Elite, *Florida Trend*, 2017, 2020
- Florida *Super Lawyers*, 2019-2023
- Rising Star, Florida *Super Lawyers*, 2012-2017
- Legal Elite Up & Comer, *Florida Trend*, 2009, 2014, 2016
- *Who's Who Among Executive and Professionals Honors Edition*, 2008-2009
- Ninth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Merit Award
- Editor-in-Chief, Federal Circuit Bar Journal, 2004-2005

Community Activities

- Orlando Science Center, Board of Trustees, 2023-present
- Opera Orlando Endowment Fund Inc, Board of Trustees, Board Chair
- United Arts of Central Florida, Board of Directors, Former Chair
- Orange County Teen Court Advisory Board, Former President
- Heart of Florida United Way, Education Cabinet, Former Member
- Adult Literacy League, Former President of Board of Directors
- Legal Aid Society, Guardian ad Litem
- Central Florida Partnership, Young Professionals Advisory Council, 2009-2011
- Leadership Orlando Class 96

Professional Certifications & Memberships

- The Florida Bar, Eminent Domain Committee
- The Virginia Bar
- National Association of Property Tax Attorneys (NAPTA)
- Institute for Professionals in Taxation (IPT)
- Association of Eminent Domain Professionals (AEDP)
- International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO)

News

Brendan Lynch Appointed to the Orlando Science Center Board of Trustees
08.24.2023 | PRESS RELEASE

Best Lawyers Recognizes 49 Lowndes Attorneys in 2024, Three Named Lawyer of the Year
08.17.2023 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

13 Lowndes Attorneys Named 2023 Florida Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
06.26.2023 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

14 Lowndes Attorneys Named to *Orlando Family Magazine's* "Awesome Attorneys 2023"
02.21.2023 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

19 Lowndes Attorneys Named 2022 Florida Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
07.05.2022 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

14 Lowndes Attorneys Named to *Orlando Family Magazine's* "Awesome Attorneys 2022"
02.15.2022 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Will Homeowners in Palm Beach, Florida, See Property Taxes Rise in 2022?
10.07.2021 | MEDIA MENTION

12 Lowndes Attorneys Named to *Orlando Family Magazine's* "Awesome Attorneys 2021"
02.11.2021 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Brendan Lynch Talks to WFTV about \$198-million Eminent Domain Settlement for Crossroads Shopping Center
01.28.2021 | MEDIA MENTION

Property-Tax Exemptions for Senior-Living Facilities: Application Deadline is March 1, 2021
01.14.2021 | GRAY AREA OF THE LAW BLOG

When Choosing a Location in Which to Invest, Pay Close Attention to Local Issues
12.18.2020 | MEDIA MENTION

Brendan Lynch Comments on Orange County's Grant Program for the Arts
10.27.2020 | MEDIA MENTION

Brendan Lynch Comments on Property Taxes in Palm Beach County
08.13.2020 | MEDIA MENTION

Brendan Lynch Honored During Orlando's "Our City of Heroes" Celebration
07.06.2020 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Three Lowndes Attorneys Named to Florida Trend's 2020 Legal Elite
06.22.2020 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

22 Lowndes Attorneys Named 2020 Florida Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
06.04.2020 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Brendan Lynch Talks about Support for the Arts in Orlando
05.13.2020 | MEDIA MENTION

Brendan Lynch Comments on Tremendous Success of United Arts Campaign
05.08.2020 | MEDIA MENTION

Brendan Lynch Comments on Raising Funds for United Arts during the Coronavirus Pandemic
04.01.2020 | MEDIA MENTION

Lowndes Attorneys Recognized in the 2019 edition of Florida Trend's Florida Legal Elite
07.05.2019 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

29 Lowndes Attorneys Named 2019 Florida Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
05.29.2019 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Seven Lowndes Attorneys Honored With Inaugural Ninth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Merit Award
09.23.2017 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed Attorneys Rated 2017 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
06.01.2017 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Speaking Engagements

Navigating the COVID-19 Crisis: How Recent Court Decisions & COVID-19 Impact Your Commercial Property Taxes
08.07.2023 | WEBINAR

Live Local Act Discussion
04.18.2023 | EVENTS

2022 Property Tax Symposium
11.06-11.09.2022 | CONFERENCE

2022 Florida Aviation Business Association West Coast Conference
01.31.2022 | CONFERENCE

2021 Property Tax Symposium
11.08.2021 | EVENTS

Publications

Property Tax Exemptions for Senior Living Facilities: Application Deadline is March 1, 2024
02.08.2024 | GRAY AREA OF THE LAW BLOG

Live Local Act: Insights & Resources
ARTICLE

HUD Announces 2023 AMI Income and Rent Limits: Orange County's AMI Rises to \$84,700
05.25.2023 | ARTICLE

Senate Bill 102, the Live Local Act, Codified in Chapter 2023-17
05.22.2023 | ARTICLE

What Proposed Infrastructure Funding Could Mean for Central Florida Landowners
01.31.2023 | ARTICLE

Be on the Lookout for Your 2022 TRIM Notices!

01.19.2023 | ARTICLE

Cleaning Up After the Storms

10.05.2022 | ARTICLE

Supply Chain and Staffing Issues Continue to Impact Senior Housing Space

05.04.2022 | GRAY AREA OF THE LAW BLOG

Wellness Push Into Senior Living Facilities

10.06.2021 | GRAY AREA OF THE LAW BLOG

2021 Property Tax Valuations Being Determined

05.05.2021 | GRAY AREA OF THE LAW BLOG

Disney Tax Ruling & Property Valuation

09.03.2020 | VIDEOS

Disney Tax Ruling & Property Valuation

09.03.2020 | LOWNDES LEGAL TALK

TRIM Notices

08.25.2020 | LOWNDES LEGAL TALK

Property Tax Payment Deadline Extended to April 15

03.26.2020 | ARTICLE

Are you getting all the property tax exemptions you're entitled to in Florida?

02.12.2019 | ARTICLE

Property Tax Exemption and Agricultural Classification Application Deadline – March 1st

01.24.2019 | ARTICLE