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Cole Oliver concentrates his practice in real estate and transactional matters, including land use and zoning, purchase and sale contracts, real estate closings, and secured real estate transactions. He also advises clients on contract drafting and review, entity formation, and commercial and business litigation, helping property owners, developers, and businesses navigate legal issues with clarity and confidence.

Cole began his legal career as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable John Antoon II of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, experience that provided him with valuable insight into complex litigation and federal court practice. He has been an active member of The Florida Bar since 2007.

Deeply committed to community engagement, he has served in leadership roles for numerous organizations and boards, including the Brevard Zoo, Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy, and Cypress Bank & Trust. He has twice been appointed to the Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District and twice selected for the Brevard County Charter Review Commission, where he also served as Chairman of the Port Canaveral Charter Review Commission.

Community Activities

- Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast, Board of Directors
- Port Canaveral Charter Review Commission, Chairman
- Cypress Bank & Trust, Board of Directors
- Sidus Space, Inc., Board of Directors
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy, Executive Board/Treasurer, 2018–present
- St. Johns River Water Management District, Governing Board Member, 2020–present
- Brevard Zoo, Board of Directors, 2012–2020; Chairman of the Board, 2016–2018

Practices & Industries

Banking & Finance

Business Structuring

Commercial Leasing

Corporate

Government Relations

Homebuilder & Residential Development

Land Use & Zoning

Real Estate

Real Estate Development

Real Estate Finance

Real Estate Transactions

Title Insurance

Admissions

Florida

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Floridda

Education

University of Florida Levin College of Law, *magna cum laude*, J.D., 2007

- Editor in Chief, Florida Law Review

Louisiana State University, M.B.A., 2003

Washington & Lee University, B.A., 2001

- Brevard County Charter Review Commission, Member, 2015 & 2021

Professional Certifications & Memberships

- The Florida Bar
- Brevard County Bar Association
- Vassar B. Carlton American Inn of Court, Member, 2011–2017

News

Cole Oliver Joins Board of Directors of EDC Space Coast
08.10.2026 | FIRM NEWS

Speaking Engagements

Florida Land Use & Development: 2026 Legislative Update
08.27.2026 | PRESENTATION

Publications

Proposed Tax Changes Could Benefit Space Florida Projects Under SB 1512
02.19.2026 | ARTICLE

New Email Scam Impersonates Local Planning Staff to Solicit Fraudulent Fees
02.04.2026 | ARTICLE

New Discovery Rules: What Litigators Must Know to Avoid Sanctions
11.24.2025 | ARTICLE

Five Common Triggers for a Real Estate Lawsuit
06.09.2025 | ARTICLE

Florida Homestead Tax Exemption: What Is It? How Do I Get It? How Do I Keep It?
05.05.2025 | ARTICLE

Methods of Enforcing a Judgment
03.07.2025 | ARTICLE

A More Considerate Court: The Sixth District Expands Emotional Distress Damages
03.06.2025 | ARTICLE