

Jacqueline Bozzuto

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Co-Chair, Hospitality & Leisure

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I genuinely care about my clients and their success. As their "legal coach," I focus on understanding their business, goals and challenges so I can put together the best possible plan and structures for accomplishing their objectives efficiently and effectively.

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

Jackie's experience mapping out strategies for real estate development and finance, commercial leasing and business sales, 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.

Born in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and raised around her family's commercial real estate, investment and management business 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 and hospitality 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.

Clients appreciate Jackie's attention to detail, respect for their budgets, and commitment to getting the job done. They are also impressed 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 Board of Directors, Governmental Affairs PAC/PC

Practices & Industries

Real Estate Transactions

Real Estate

Hospitality & Leisure

Commercial Leasing

Foreign Investment

Franchising

Affordable Housing

Corporate

Admissions

Florida

Education

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

Committees, and Allied Relations Counsel of CFHLA (Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association).

A frequent speaker at high-profile hospitality and commercial real estate industry events, she is a 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, collecting wine and art, and race car driving.

Jackie has worked with many repeat clients, including:

- Applebee's
- Bonefish 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

Experience

- \$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.
- Assisted with implementing Bloomin Brands Purchasing and Leasing Program for 25 years.
- Negotiated new leases for numerous landlord and tenant brands.
- Sale of businesses for numerous clients
- Franchise opportunity reviews

Recognitions

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated
- CFHLA PAC/PC Board Member of the Year 2024
- CREW Orlando CREW Catalyst
- *The Best Lawyers in America* guide, Leisure and Hospitality Law, 2016-2025; Real Estate Law, 2008-2025, Corporate Law (2025)

- Florida *Super Lawyers*, 2007–2009, 2012–2015
- *Guide to the World's Leading Women in Business Law: Real Estate*, 2013, 2014
- Concept Purveyor of the Year by Outback Steakhouse, Inc., 1996, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2005–2008, 2010
- Orlando Woman of Influence Award, CREW Orlando, 2017
- Distinguished Leader Award, CREW Orlando, 2022
- Recognized by the Lisa Merlin House for 10 Years as a Board Member

Community Activities

- Easter Seals A Pair to Remember, Planning Committee, 2024, 2025
- Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association
 - Board of Directors, 2024–Present
 - Governmental Affairs Committee
 - Scholarship Committee
 - Allied Relations Council, Treasurer, 2024
 - Allied Relations Council, Member, 2018–2020, 2024
 - PAC/PC, 2018–Present
- Central Florida Chapter of the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association
 - Government Affairs Chair, 1994–2010
 - Delegate to State Board, 2009–2010
 - Member, 1994–present
- Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Orlando
 - Member, 2005–present
 - Board Member, 2008
 - Secretary, 2009
 - National Delegate, 2009–2010
 - President-Elect, 2010
 - President, 2011
 - Past Presidents Council, 2011–present
- United Way of Central Florida Alexis De Tocqueville Society, Committee Member; Fund Distribution Panel
- Orlando/Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc., past Board Member
- Valencia Community College, Hospitality Management Advisory Committee, past member
- United Way Chef's Gala, Co-host
- Women United

Professional Certifications & Memberships

- Orange County Bar Association

- American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar

News

Jackie Bozzuto Reappointed to Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association Board of Directors
01.08.2025 | PRESS RELEASE

Best Lawyers Recognizes 59 Lowndes Attorneys in 2025, One Named Lawyer of the Year
08.15.2024 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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

Jackie Bozzuto, Laura Walda Named CREW Orlando Celebration of Champions Award Winners
11.08.2022 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

46 Lowndes Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers* in 2023
08.18.2022 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Best Lawyers Recognizes 44 Lowndes Attorneys in 2022, Five Named Lawyer of the Year
08.19.2021 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Best Lawyers Recognizes 44 Lowndes Attorneys in 2021, Two Named Lawyer of the Year
08.20.2020 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Jackie Bozzuto receives the 2019 Allied Member of the Year Award from CFHLA
12.18.2019 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Forty-Three Lowndes Lawyers Earn Recognition in Best Lawyers in America 2020
08.15.2019 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Jackie Bozzuto Reappointed to the CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee
12.27.2018 | PRESS RELEASE

Forty-Four Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed Lawyers Earn Recognition in 2019 Best Lawyers in America
08.15.2018 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Forty-Nine Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed Lawyers Earn Recognition in 2018 Best Lawyers in America
08.15.2017 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Speaking Engagements

Regional Priorities: A Tri-County Update
08.21.2024 | EVENTS

Housing Crisis: New Governmental and Developer Responses
08.16.2023 | EVENTS

Leading Ladies Speaker Series: Making Connections
04.12.2023 | EVENTS

Publications

New Orleans Restaurant Wins with Covid Damages Ruling
06.24.2022 | [LOWNDES LEASING LAWYERS BLOG](#)

Dissolving Disney's Reedy Creek Improvement District: The Impacts of SB 4-C
05.17.2022 | [ARTICLE](#)

Ghost Kitchens Present Unique Leasing Considerations
11.16.2021 | [PUBLICATION](#)

Cheers to SB148: Alcohol-to-Go Made Permanent in Florida
05.13.2021 | [ARTICLE](#)

Restaurant Revitalization Fund Applications Open on Monday, May 3, 2021
04.27.2021 | [ARTICLE](#)

SBA Partners with POS Providers to Help Restaurants Apply for RRF Grants
04.22.2021 | [ARTICLE](#)

SBA Announces New Application Details and Guidelines for the \$28.6-billion Restaurant Revitalization Fund
04.20.2021 | [ARTICLE](#)

Restaurant Revitalization Fund Provides Hope to the Food and Beverage Industry—But Applicants Will Need to Act Fast
03.23.2021 | [ARTICLE](#)

Nonprofits Now Eligible for Paycheck Protection Program Under The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021
12.30.2020 | [ARTICLE](#)

Seminole County Issues Executive Order Requiring Facial Coverings
06.30.2020 | [ARTICLE](#)

Proposed Guidelines for Reopening of Restaurants, Bars and Hotels
04.07.2020 | [ARTICLE](#)

Interest-Free Loans Available to Florida Small Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus
03.31.2020 | [ARTICLE](#)

Restaurant Liquor License Requirements Relaxed for Parts of Downtown Orlando
03.29.2018 | [ARTICLE](#)