

## Jacqueline Bozzuto

### SHAREHOLDER

Co-Chair, Hospitality & Leisure

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*I genuinely care about my clients and their success. As their "legal quarterback," I focus on understanding their business, goals and challenges so I can put together the best possible game plan 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, 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.

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.

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 PAC/PC, and allied

### Practices & Industries

Real Estate Transactions

Real Estate

Hospitality & Leisure

Commercial Leasing

Foreign Investment

Franchising

Affordable Housing

### Admissions

Florida

### Education

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

relations committees of CFHLA (Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association).

A frequent speaker at high-profile hospitality 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 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.
- Negotiated new leases for six new Bloomin Brand sites.

## Recognitions

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated
- *The Best Lawyers in America* guide, Leisure and Hospitality Law, 2016-2024; Real Estate Law, 2008-2024
- Florida *Super Lawyers*, 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

- Distinguished Leader Award, CREW Orlando, 2022
- Recognized by the Lisa Merlin House for 10 Years as a Board Member

### Community Activities

- United Way of Central Florida Alexis De Tocqueville Society, Committee Member; Fund Distribution Panel, 1998
- 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
- Women United

### Professional Certifications & Memberships

- Orange County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar
- Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association, Governmental Affairs Committee, 2011-present; Allied Relations Council, 2018-2020; 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, 2005-present; Board Member, 2008, Secretary, 2009; National Delegate, 2009-2010; President-Elect, 2010; President, 2011; Past Presidents Council, 2011-present
- Dr. Phillips Rotary

### News

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

Shareholder 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

Housing Crisis: New Governmental and Developer Responses  
08.16.2023 | EVENTS

Leading Ladies Speaker Series: Making Connections  
04.12.2023 | EVENTS

Jackie Bozzuto Presenter for CFHLA Webinar on PPP2 Loans (1/14/2021)  
01.14.2021

Disney Tax Ruling & Property Valuation [Lowndes Legal Talk]  
09.03.2020

Jackie Bozzuto Presenter for CFHLA Webinar on PPP Loan Forgiveness  
07.17.2020

Jackie Bozzuto Presenter for CFHLA Webinar on Business Interruption Claims  
06.02.2020

Jackie Bozzuto Presentor for CFHLA Webinar  
04.28.2020

## 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 | LOWNDES LEASING LAWYERS BLOG

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