Lowndes

Michael Ryan

IN MEMORIAM

1950-2023

"I treat each matter as a personal commitment to fulfill the needs of the client."

Mike Ryan's clients are optimistic visionaries who have helped to build Central Florida into the thriving community it is today.

From his representation of the Orange County Research and Development Authority which acquired, financed, developed, managed and marketed the highly successful 1,000-plus-acre Central Florida Research Park, to the University of Central Florida's planned teaching hospital at Lake Nona and their downtown campus in Orlando Creative Village, Mike and his clients have had a hand in many of the significant projects that have shaped this Central Florida community.

With years of experience representing developers and lenders in complex real estate transactions, Mike's problem-solving and organizational skills, his industry knowledge, and his dedication to client service have proved invaluable to his clients.

Mike had not always planned for a career as a real estate lawyer. In college, he studied mathematics and enjoyed subjects such as linear algebra, differential equations and complex analysis. He also had a passion for government studies. With summer jobs at a landscaping firm while in college and a full-time job managing an apartment building while in law school, it was only natural that his academic and work experiences would lead Mike toward a real estate practice.

Throughout the many Florida real estate booms...and busts...Mike's background as a problem solver has been particularly helpful in his representation of developers, investors and lenders in complex real estate development and finance transactions – both public and private.

Practices & Industries

Affordable Housing

Banking & Finance

Distressed Real Estate

Foreign Investment

Real Estate

Real Estate Development

Real Estate Finance

Admissions

Florida

Education

- University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D., *with honors*, 1976
- Bowdoin College, B.A., *cum laude*, 1972

Earning a reputation for keeping a deal moving through to completion, regardless of the economic climate, Mike's skills naturally led to representation of lenders and investors in acquiring and disposing of distressed assets during economic downturns. His experience was particularly helpful in analyzing and resolving title problems, confirming land use entitlements, understanding community development district assessments, and recapturing control of homeowner/property owner/condominium associations.

"My success is tied directly to helping my clients succeed," Mike asserts.

Mike is equally committed to the Central Florida community through his involvement in many civic and charitable organizations. He helped the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida to structure a unique arrangement with the Orange County Public School System: a new Boys and Girls Club is located at the OCPS Academic Center For Excellence in the downtown Orlando Parramore neighborhood. He has served as Chair of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida, and as Board Chair of the American Red Cross of Central Florida.

Recognitions

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated
- *The Best Lawyers in America* guide, Banking and Finance Law, 2006-2023; Real Estate Law, 2005-2023
- Florida *Super Lawyers*, 2006-2023
- *Chambers USA – America's Leading Business Lawyers* guide, Real Estate Law, 2004-2008, 2010-2017
- Florida Legal Elite, *Florida Trend*, 2004-2006
- *The Legal 500 USA*, Real Estate Transaction and Finance, 2008-2009
- Top Lawyer, *Corporate Counsel*, 2007

Community Activities

- Leadership Orlando Graduate
- Interlachen Country Club, Board of Directors, 2018-2022
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Florida, Board of Directors, 2007-2022; Chair, 2018
- American Red Cross of Central Florida, Chairman of the Board of Directors, 2007-2008

Professional Certifications & Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Orange County Bar Association
- The Florida Bar

Beyond the Law

When he is not spending family time in Winter Park with his wife, Theresa, their daughter and granddaughter, Mike can be found on the golf course, or working with Theresa on the landscaping in their yard. He and Theresa also spend time at their home in Ireland where they are very much in touch with their Irish roots.

News

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed Attorneys Rated 2018 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
06.18.2018 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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

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

Chambers USA Recognizes Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed Attorneys and Practices
05.25.2017 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Publications

Orange County to Consider Adopting Temporary Economic Development Measures
07.02.2020 | ARTICLE

Loan Modifications in the Wake of COVID-19
04.09.2020 | ARTICLE