

Rebecca E. Rhoden

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Rebecca Rhoden focuses her practice on litigation and appeals, with a particular emphasis on land use litigation and issues involving the Fair Housing Act.

In her practice, Rebecca routinely represent developers, both to defend approvals of the permits and orders that are necessary for them to develop their property and to challenge denials of the same. She has significant experience representing clients in the affordable housing industry, including two of the largest affordable housing developers in the region. Many times, these clients face challenges from local governments who throw up roadblocks based upon public pressure. With Rebecca's help, she is able to overcome those roadblocks and develop the much needed housing.

In addition, she has active commercial litigation and appellate practices. Rebecca helps clients with disputes ranging from contract issues to business "divorces" and she handles appeals at the Circuit Court level, such as petitions for writs of certiorari, the District Court level and recently at the Florida Supreme Court.

Rebecca also provides developers and other clients with legal counsel and representation in Section 70.51 mediations. Her experience in land use and environmental dispute resolutions offers a unique benefit to clients navigating the Florida statutes following denial of a development order, zoning approval or other land use matter around the state.

Rebecca believes that education is a fundamental component of society and that the State College system opens up opportunities for higher education to everyone. As a resident of Seminole County, she has proudly served on the Board of Directors for the Foundation for Seminole State College since 2012, contributing in roles ranging from committee member to past Chair. Seeing the number of lives changed by the opportunities offered by the College is truly inspiring to her.

Practices & Industries

Real Estate Litigation

Affordable Housing

Business Litigation

Land Use & Zoning

Multifamily Housing

Cannabis & Controlled Substances

Admissions

Florida

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Education

- Cornell University Law School, J.D., 2003
- University of California, Irvine B.A., *with honors*, 2000

Recognitions

- Rising Star, Florida *Super Lawyers*, 2012–2018

Community Activities

- Orlando Museum of Art, Board of Trustees
- Junior Achievement of Central Florida
- Take Stock in Children, Mentor
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Board of Trustees, past Member
- Seminole State College Foundation, Board of Directors, past Chair
- Florida Citrus Sports

Professional Certifications & Memberships

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

News

Rebecca Rhoden Appointed to Orlando Museum of Art Board of Trustees
01.09.2025 | PRESS RELEASE

Three Lowndes Attorneys Honored as *Florida Trend's* 2024 Legal Elite Notable Women Leaders in Law
12.11.2024 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Orange County Approves Funding Increase for Controversial Affordable Housing Project in Apopka
03.07.2024 | MEDIA MENTION | AFFORDABLE HOUSING

After Judge Rules in Favor of Affordable Housing, Apopka Mayor Attempts to Strip Project's State Funding
05.18.2023 | MEDIA MENTION

Lowndes Secures Favorable Ruling in Dispute Regarding Affordable Housing Project
12.01.2022 | PRESS RELEASE

Lowndes Advises Wendover Housing Partners on Permanent Supportive Housing Community
07.14.2020 | PRESS RELEASE

Lowndes Advises Property Markets Group on \$200+M Tri-tower Project in Downtown Orlando
05.07.2020 | PRESS RELEASE

Board Nixes Denton Cove Appeal
01.16.2020 | MEDIA MENTION

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

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

Publications

Florida Senate Bill Tries to Counter MV Realty's 40-year Liens by Regulating "Residential Loan Alternative Agreements"
06.13.2023 | ARTICLE

Florida Senate Bill No. 540 Brings Changes to Comprehensive Plan Challenges and Cost Recovery for Developers
05.31.2023 | ARTICLE

Florida Supreme Court Declines to Hear Orange County Rent Control Fight
04.18.2023 | ARTICLE

HUD Reinstates 2013 "Discriminatory Effects" Rule
03.22.2023 | ARTICLE

Orange County Commissioners Vote to Appeal Temporary Injunction Enjoining Enforcement and Implementation of Rent Control Ordinance
11.17.2022 | ARTICLE

Despite Court Ruling, Orange County Voters Approve Rent Control
11.09.2022 | ARTICLE

Appeals Court Rules Against Orange County's Proposed Rent Control Ordinance
10.28.2022 | ARTICLE

Governor DeSantis Signs Law Limiting Increases to Impact Fees
06.07.2021 | ARTICLE

Biden Set to Extend Federal Moratorium on Evictions Through March 31
01.20.2021 | ARTICLE

HUD's Revised Rule Makes "Disparate Impact" Claims Under the Fair Housing Act More Difficult
09.10.2020 | ARTICLE

Managing Privacy Issues and COVID-19 at Independent Living Facilities and Age-Restricted Housing Communities
07.08.2020 | GRAY AREA OF THE LAW BLOG

Governor DeSantis Signs Bill Defining Emotional Support Animals and Criminalizing Their Falsification
07.06.2020 | ARTICLE

Emotional Support Animals: Do They Have To Live Here?
02.14.2020 | ARTICLE