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A shareholder in the firm's Land Use, Zoning & Environmental Group and chair of the Cannabis & Controlled Substances Group, Tara brings years of experience handling complex legal matters for multi-billion dollar valued companies and entrepreneurs alike.

With a significant portion of her practice devoted to land use and development, **Tara Tedrow** regularly advises clients on entitling projects for commercial, retail, residential, industrial, office and mixed uses. She works with local governments and regulatory agencies to address the needs of her clients related to development of master planned communities, environmental permitting and compliance, zoning, comprehensive plans, concurrency, site plan approval, variance and waiver requests, due diligence and property rights.

Often sought out for high-profile and high-stakes land development projects, Tara has delivered positive outcomes for clients ranging from large multi-national and U.S.-based companies to high-net worth individuals seeking land use entitlements. With over 15 years of competitive debate experience, she is uniquely suited to handle complex and controversial projects and public hearings that present a myriad of political and legal challenges.

Well-known for providing legal and lobbying representation for a wide range of cannabis clients, Tara and her team work with physicians, lenders, real estate developers, landlords, ancillary service providers, banks, licensed adult use and medical marijuana companies, cultivators, processors, retailers and license applicants, helping them to navigate the ever-changing regulatory landscape of marijuana and hemp regulations. She also assists clients in the national hemp industry in obtaining licensing and approvals for processing, retailing, cultivation and other forms of secondary byproduct monetization. Her deep knowledge of regulatory laws and understanding of operations and logistics for cannabis companies, along with her ability to make connections and build partnerships, bring strategic value to her clients.

Practices & Industries

Administrative & Regulatory

Cannabis & Controlled Substances

Commercial Leasing

Environmental Law

Franchising

Golf Course Redevelopment

Government Relations

Land Use & Zoning

Multifamily Housing

Real Estate

Real Estate Development

Real Estate Finance

Admissions

Florida

Education

- University of Florida Levin College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2012
- Wake Forest University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2009; Presidential Scholar for Achievement in Debate; Ceruzzi Presidential Scholar

Tara is the only person in the state of Florida to be appointed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to both the inaugural Industrial Hemp Advisory Council created under Senate Bill 1020 and to the state's Hemp Advisory Committee.

A prolific presenter and speaker at industry seminars and conferences, she has served as the keynote speaker on industry regulations at over 100 events in the past two years. In the fall of 2018, Tara became the first professor in the state of Florida to teach a law school course on marijuana law and policy at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, where she continues to teach today.

Prior to joining the firm, Tara worked as a legal extern for the University of Florida General Counsel and Office of the Vice President as well as for the Orlando Juvenile Public Defenders Office. For over a decade, she has also worked professionally as a private speech and debate coach and taught at multiple national debate institutes, including the National Debate Forum at Emerson University, the National Symposium for Debate at Grinnell College and Victory Briefs Institute at UCLA.

Tara is a contributing writer at the *Orlando Sentinel* and has spoken about various real estate topics on *Fox News*.

Experience

- 1,500-acre large scale master planned community in Leesburg with 2,302 single-family homes, 390 multifamily units, equestrian and recreational amenities and 451,000 square feet of commercial development, including medical and office space.
- Active adult lifestyle community in Tavares on 220 acres with 625 single family homes, \$10 million clubhouse, community pool, and other passive and active recreational amenities.
- 265 acres in Lake County with 528 homes, clubhouse, nature trail and marina with onsite restaurant.
- 80 acres in Lake County permitted for 103 single-family units, 320 detached multifamily, 360 multifamily units, and 150,000 square feet of commercial uses.
- 144 acres in Lake County permitted for 275-lot single-family residential development.
- 250-plus acre mixed-use, master-planned community in Apopka with nearly 3,000 apartments and millions of square feet of non-residential uses.
- 312-unit apartment project in Clermont
- 300-plus acre mixed-use project in Minneola for apartments, mixed use residential, commercial, office, and medical campus uses.
- 214-acre mixed-use project in Leesburg with 164,000 square-feet of commercial uses and 292 single family homes, 138 townhomes and 288 multifamily units.
- 420-unit apartment and outparcel commercial project in Sanford.
- 135 acres with 420 single family/townhome units in Fruitland Park.
- 322-unit apartment project in New Smyrna Beach.
- 29-acre high-end glamping and RV park with a marina, waterfront restaurant, pickleball, and ability to develop up to 250 upscale RV spots, glamping tents and a potential hotel in Leesburg.

Recognitions

- *City & State Florida + News Service of Florida* Above & Beyond Award Honoree, 2023

- *The Best Lawyers in America* guide, Cannabis Law, 2022–2024
- *Awesome Attorneys*, *Orlando Family Magazine*, 2023
- *Rising Star*, *Florida Super Lawyers*, 2017–2023
- *Game Changers*, *Orlando Business Journal*, 2022
- *Women of the Year*, *Orlando Magazine*, 2022
- *Central Florida Power Players*, *Orlando Business Journal*, 2021
- *40 Under 40*, *Orlando Business Journal*, Class of 2020
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers (FAWL), 2015 Class of Leaders in the Law
- District Alumni Achievement of the Year Award, Florida Panther District of the National Speech and Debate Association, 2014–15

University of Florida Levin College of Law:

- University of Florida Levin College of Law Adjunct Professor
- Order of the Coif, University of Florida Chapter
- Book Awards: Evidence; Trial Practice; Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation; Cross-Cultural Counseling; The Human Side of Lawyering; Social and Behavioral Sciences in the Law and Trial Team; Torts
- University of Florida Trial Team, President
- *The Florida Law Review*, Communications Department Editor
- Student of the Year Award, 2012
- Order of the Barristers Award
- Outstanding Graduate Award
- Gerald T. Bennett Outstanding Service Award
- Pro Bono Outstanding Achievement
- Irving Cypen Scholastic Achievement Award
- Student Commencement Speaker, University of Florida Levin School of Law, 2012
- Teaching Assistant: Trial Practice, Legal Research & Writing and Appellate Advocacy
- Best Team Award, Levin College of Law Final Four Trial Competition
- Best Advocate Award, Levin College of Law Final Four Trial Team Competition
- Finalist, National Trial Advocacy Competition, 2011

Wake Forest University:

- All American Attorney Award, 2008
- All Regional Attorney Award, 2007
- Top Attorney Awards for Defense and Prosecution: Harvard Crimson Classic, Eastern Kentucky University Invitational; Arizona State University Invitational, Demon Deacon Invitational and the Great American Mock Trial Invitational at the DC Federal Courthouses.
- Senior Award for Excellence in the Study of Communication

- National Champion in Lincoln Douglas Debate, National Catholic Forensics League National Championships, 2004, 2005
- State of Florida Champion in Lincoln Douglas Debate, 2005

Community Activities

- CoStar Impact Awards Judge, 2023

Professional Certifications & Memberships

- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Appointee to and Chair of the Inaugural Hemp Advisory Committee
- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Appointee to the Inaugural Industrial Hemp Advisory Council
- Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission Member, Chair, 2019-2020
- Law 360 Cannabis Editorial Advisory Board, 2021
- Economic Development Advisory Board, City of Winter Park, Board of Directors, Vice-Chair, 2019
- Center for Leadership Development at the Rollins Crummer Graduate School of Business, Leadership Center Business Advisory Board Chair, 2018-2019
- Florida Debate Initiative, Founder, Board Chair and Former Executive Director
- CREW - Commercial Real Estate Women, Programs Committee
- Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Leadership Team
- Greater Orlando Builders Association Representative for Orange County School Impact Fee Study Advisory Committee
- OCBA Law Week Committee, A Day in the Life of a Judge, Co-Chair
- American Bar Association Cannabis Task Force
- National Speech and Debate Association
- University of Florida Law Alumni Council, Board Member
- University of Florida Law Alumni Student Mentor
- The Florida Bar Association
- Florida Blue Key
- Orange County Bar Association, Real Property Committee
- Phi Delta Phi International Honor Society
- Utilities Advisory Board in Winter Park, Board of Directors, 2015-2017
- BETA Center, past Board of Directors
- Wake Forest University Young Alumni Development Board, past Member
- Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers, past Board of Directors
- Elevate Orlando Young Professionals Board Council, Chair, 2015-2018
- University of Florida Alternative Dispute Resolution Team, Coach, 2012

- Support Our Scholars Committee, past Member
- Orlando Women's Auxiliary of The Salvation Army, past Member
- American Cancer Society, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Survivor Committee, past Member

News

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

13 Lowndes Attorneys Named 2023 Florida Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
06.26.2023 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Tara Tedrow Judges the 2023 CoStar Impact Awards
05.01.2023 | PRESS RELEASE

14 Lowndes Attorneys Named to *Orlando Family Magazine's* "Awesome Attorneys 2023"
02.21.2023 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Crooked Can Brewing Co. to Build Big Brewery, Food Hall and HQ in Lake County
01.30.2023 | MEDIA MENTION

Here's What Orlando Developer Skorman Plans Next in Lake County
01.2023 | MEDIA MENTION

Lowndes Advises Skorman Development on Clermont Hills Apartment Community
01.23.2023 | PRESS RELEASE

Tara Tedrow Named to *Orlando Business Journal's* 2023 Game Changers
01.11.2023 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Behind the Deal: Orlando Shopping center's Bankruptcy Sale Could Be Blueprint in Volatile Market
01.04.2023 | MEDIA MENTION

Lowndes Advises USA Management Realty & Development on Mixed-use Building in Ocoee
11.04.2022 | NEWS RELEASE

Lake County OKs Hundreds of Homes, Rooftop Restaurant in Controversial Project
11.02.2022 | MEDIA MENTION

More Details Emerge About Massive Kelly Park Mixed-Use Project in Apopka
09.19.2022 | MEDIA MENTION

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

Kolter Homes' Florida Community with Houses, Marina and Pickleball Courts Moves Forward in Lake County
07.22.2022 | MEDIA MENTION

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

Lowndes Advises Tishman on \$46 Million Acquisition of Grand Orlando Resort at Celebration
04.26.2022 | NEWS RELEASE

Lowndes Advises Tishman on \$120 Million Acquisition of Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort Bonnet Creek Hotel
03.30.2022 | NEWS RELEASE

14 Lowndes Attorneys Named to *Orlando Family Magazine's* "Awesome Attorneys 2022"
02.15.2022 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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

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

Cannabis Companies Can't File for Bankruptcy - So Now What?
06.01.2020 | MEDIA MENTION

Lowndes Attorneys Recognized in the 2019 edition of Florida Trend's Florida Legal Elite
07.05.2019 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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

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

Attorney Tara Tedrow to Speak at OCBA Real Property & Criminal Law Committees Medical Marijuana Seminar
05.17.2017 | NEWS RELEASE

Attorney Tara Tedrow Promoted To Senior Associate
03.06.2017 | FIRM NEWS

Speaking Engagements

Housing Crisis: New Governmental and Developer Responses
08.16.2023 | EVENTS

2023 Chamber Breakfast
07.20.2023 | EVENTS

Live Local Act Discussion
04.18.2023 | EVENTS

ICSC@Florida
08.30.2022 | CONFERENCE

The Lay of the Land: Navigating Development Challenges
06.15.2022 | PRESENTATION

Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Women in Law
03.22.2022 | PRESENTATION

BSA/AML Hot Topics and the Florida Cannabis Environment
01.11.2022 | WEBINAR

Florida Laws on Medical Marijuana & Hemp
10.13.2021 | WEBINAR

Criminal Consequences, Civil Liability and Regulatory Issues in Hemp
09.17.2020 | WEBINAR

Publications

Taylor Morrison to Add “Yardly” BTR Neighborhood to Mount Dora Groves
09.27.2023 | MEDIA MENTION

Revised Statute Clarifies Notice Requirements for Public Hearings
09.25.2023 | ARTICLE

Mount Dora Council Restarts Annexation Next to Country Club
08.30.2023 | MEDIA MENTION

Florida’s Liquor License Lottery is Open!
08.23.2023 | ARTICLE

Live Local Act: Insights & Resources
ARTICLE

Change in Florida Alcohol Statute Eases Requirements for Restaurant Liquor Licenses
07.24.2023 | ARTICLE

Live Local Act Provides Affordable Housing Incentives, Bans Rent Control
04.06.2023 | ARTICLE

Florida House Considers Proposal to Limit Lake County Development Densities
03.08.2023 | ARTICLE

Florida Expands Medical-Cannabis Industry with New Rules
01.06.2023 | ARTICLE

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

Governor DeSantis’ Executive Order Expires: COVID Permit Extensions End
07.15.2021 | ARTICLE

Governor DeSantis Signs Bill Increasing Acreage for “Small-Scale” Comprehensive Plan Amendments
07.06.2021 | ARTICLE

Governor DeSantis Signs Bill Reducing Burdens on Real Property Rights
07.01.2021 | ARTICLE

Florida Legislature Passes Bill Increasing Acreage for “Small-Scale” Comprehensive Plan Amendments
05.26.2021 | ARTICLE

Cheers to SBI48: Alcohol-to-Go Made Permanent in Florida
05.13.2021 | ARTICLE

Orange County Updates School Impact Fee Rates
12.04.2020 | ARTICLE

Governor DeSantis Extends Order Allowing Local Governments to Meet Remotely During October
10.02.2020 | ARTICLE

OCPS School Impact Fee Advisory Committee Makes Final Recommendations
08.24.2020 | ARTICLE

Seminole County Planning & Zoning Commission Tables Hearing on Mobility Fee Ordinance
08.06.2020 | ARTICLE

Florida DBPR Issues Amended Order Regarding On-Premises Alcohol Consumption in Bars and Restaurants
07.01.2020 | ARTICLE

Seminole County Issues Executive Order Requiring Facial Coverings
06.30.2020 | ARTICLE

Governor DeSantis Extends Order Allowing Local Governments to Meet Remotely
06.30.2020 | ARTICLE

Florida DBPR Orders Bars to Suspend Sale of Alcohol for Consumption on Premises
06.26.2020 | ARTICLE

Farm Bill Does Not Save Hemp Trademark Application
06.23.2020 | ARTICLE

Seminole County Considering Higher Mobility Fees Based on New Study
06.18.2020 | ARTICLE

Orange CARES COVID-19 Assistance Program Opens for Individuals and Small Businesses
06.09.2020 | ARTICLE

Cannabis Companies Can't File for Bankruptcy - So Now What?
05.29.2020 | ARTICLE

State of Florida Accepts Orange County's Plan to Reopen Vacation Rentals
05.27.2020 | ARTICLE

A Closer Look at Phase One of Governor DeSantis' Plan to Reopen Florida
04.30.2020 | ARTICLE

Potential Pathway for Cannabis Industry Eligibility for COVID-19 Stimulus Programs
04.27.2020 | ARTICLE

Cannabis & Hemp Industry Eligibility for COVID-19 Federal Stimulus Programs
04.20.2020 | ARTICLE

Permit Extensions in Response to COVID-19
04.07.2020 | ARTICLE

Governor Ron DeSantis Issues Statewide Stay-at-Home Order
04.01.2020 | ARTICLE

Orange County Shelter-In-Place Order Amended on March 26
03.27.2020 | ARTICLE

City of Orlando Announces Next City Council Meeting to be Conducted Virtually
03.27.2020 | ARTICLE

Osceola County Shelter-In-Place Order Issued on March 25
03.26.2020 | ARTICLE

Orange County Shelter-In-Place Order Issued on March 24
03.25.2020 | ARTICLE

Mandatory Operation Changes for Restaurants and Gyms Due to COVID-19
03.20.2020 | ARTICLE

Update: City of Orlando Reverses Ban on Alcohol Sales at Restaurants
03.18.2020 | ARTICLE

Mandatory Operation Changes for Hotels/Bars/Restaurants Due to COVID-19
03.17.2020 | ARTICLE

LAST CALL: January 24, 2020 is the Deadline to Extend your Building and Development Permits
01.23.2020 | ARTICLE

FL School Districts Still Lack Clarity on Medical Marijuana Policies
01.08.2020 | ARTICLE

Cannabis Conundrum: No Federal Trademark Protections Without Federal Legalization
01.07.2020 | ARTICLE

Landlord Liability for Tenant's Counterfeit Sales
11.26.2019 | LOWNDES LEASING LAWYERS BLOG

Tax Court Decision Another Blow to Medical Marijuana Industry
06.15.2018 | ARTICLE

Restaurant Liquor License Requirements Relaxed for Parts of Downtown Orlando
03.29.2018 | ARTICLE