

William T. Dymond, Jr.

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Bill Dymond is the chairman of Lowndes, having previously served as the firm's chief executive officer and president for more than 16 years. A recognized leader in his field, Bill advises clients on a broad range of real estate and business matters, with a particular focus on the hotel, resort and leisure industry.

Named to *Florida Trend's* annual list of most influential business leaders for years, Bill is a member of the firm's Hospitality & Leisure Group, which has handled over \$30 billion in real estate transactions throughout Central Florida, the United States, and Canada. With almost 40 years of experience in real estate acquisition, finance and development, Bill provides comprehensive guidance on the unique challenges faced by clients in this ever-changing and highly competitive sector. He advises hotel and resort owners in connection with all aspects of their business, including development, operating agreements, licensing, franchising, lodging and financing matters. He also serves as general counsel to Visit Orlando, the region's convention and visitor's bureau.

Equally passionate about working with clients in the sports and entertainment arena, Bill is well-known for helping to make Central Florida a destination for high-profile sporting events. A skilled negotiator, he is frequently relied upon by sports and entertainment clients to handle high-stakes agreements. His successful negotiation of multi-year television agreements with ABC and ESPN secured national broadcast exposure for Florida Citrus Sports and its two annual bowl games at Camping World Stadium. He also leads negotiation of team selection agreements for the organization's college bowl games with the Big 10, SEC, ACC and Big 12 conferences. A longtime advocate for Camping World Stadium, he played a key role in its several renovations and related fundings.

Bill's commitment to the community is reflected through his countless hours of service and leadership at numerous Central Florida organizations. He is a founding board member of Lift Orlando, a nonprofit working to revitalize neighborhoods around Camping World Stadium. Bill also currently serves on the executive committee and board of directors of the

Practices & Industries

Commercial Leasing
Corporate
Hospitality & Leisure
Nonprofit Organizations
Real Estate
Real Estate Development
Real Estate Finance
Real Estate Transactions
Sports & Entertainment

Admissions

Florida
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

Education

- University of North Carolina School of Law, J.D., 1985
- Washington and Jefferson College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1982; Economics & English

Orlando Economic Partnership. He is also a past chair of the CRA Advisory Board, the Downtown Development Board for the City of Orlando, Florida Citrus Sports, the Orlando Economic Partnership, and the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce.

At the state level, Bill is an active member of the Florida Council of 100 and has served as a board member and executive committee member of both Enterprise Florida and Space Florida. During his six-year gubernatorial appointment as Space Florida Chair, he led the organization's partnership with NASA, local and state governments, and the private sector in operating Florida's two spaceports, and working to expand the state's ability to dominate the growing commercial aerospace market and create jobs in this unique sector.

With his many leadership roles at the local and state level, Bill has developed a broad network of collaborative relationships throughout Florida that brings added value to his clients in their pursuits.

Recognitions

- Notable Managing Partner, *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite, 2023
- Florida 500, Florida's Most Influential Business Leaders, *Florida Trend*, 2018–2023
- Power Players, *Orlando Business Journal*, 2022
- *The Best Lawyers in America* guide, Leisure and Hospitality Law, 2015–2024; Real Estate Law, 2006–2024
- *The Best Lawyers in America* guide, Orlando Leisure and Hospitality Law Lawyer of the Year, 2016
- Florida Super Lawyers, 2006–2022
- Martindale–Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated
- Orlando Economic Partnership James B. Greene Award, 2017
- Orlando Downtown Development Board/Community Redevelopment Agency (DDB/CRA) Service Award, 2017
- Lawyer of the Year, *Leisure and Hospitality Law*, 2017
- CREW Orlando Economic and Community Involvement Award, 2016
- *Chambers USA – America's Leading Business Lawyers* guide, 2008–2012
- Florida Legal Elite, *Florida Trend*, 2006–2009, 2011–2012
- American Diabetes Association Father of the Year Award, 2012
- Florida's Top Lawyers, *Florida Monthly Magazine*
- Florida's Top Real Estate Lawyers, *Real Estate Florida*
- *The Legal 500 US*
- Howard Palmer Award, Florida Citrus Sports, 2009
- Volunteer of the Year, Winter Park Chamber of Commerce, 2005
- Chairman's Trophy, Florida Citrus Sports, 2003
- Up and Comer Award, *Orlando Business Journal*, 2002
- Chairman of the Year, Florida Citrus Sports, 1993

Community Activities

- Orlando Economic Partnership, Past Board Chair, Past Vice Chair, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Past Chair Economic Strategy, Past Co-Chair Business Development Committee, Past Chair Investor Relations

Committee

- The Florida Council of 100, Member
- Space Florida, Board of Directors, Interim Chair, 2013; Chair 2014 – 2019
- LIFT Orlando, Inc., Founding Board Member, Vice Chair and Executive Committee Member
- Enterprise Florida, Board and Executive Committee Member, 2012, 2013
- Visit Orlando, Board and Executive Committee Member, and General Counsel
- Downtown Development Board – City of Orlando, past Board Chair, past Board Member
- Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board – City of Orlando, past Board Chair, past Board Member
- Florida Citrus Sports, past President, past Board Chair, Board of Directors
- Florida Citrus Sports Foundation, past Board Chair
- Winter Park Chamber of Commerce, past Board Chair, Trustee
- Leadership Winter Park, Class II, past Class Chair
- Morningstar Charities, Inc., past Board of Directors
- Heart of Florida United Way, past Board and Executive Committee Member, and past Campaign Vice Chair
- University of North Carolina School of Law, Alumni Board Member

Professional Certifications & Memberships

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

News

Lowndes Advises ICON Park in Lease Agreement with Blue Man Group
07.23.2024 | PRESS RELEASE

Florida Trend Once Again Names Dymond and Kantor Among Florida's 500 Most Influential Business Leaders
10.20.2023 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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

Lowndes CEO & President Dymond Recognized Among *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite Notable Managing Partners
07.19.2023 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Quino Martinez to Succeed Bill Dymond as CEO & President of Lowndes
04.13.2023 | FIRM NEWS

Lowndes CEO & President Dymond Once Again Named to "People to Know" in Orlando by *Florida Trend*
01.04.2023 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Bill Dymond Named to *Orlando Business Journal's* 2022 Power Players
11.10.2022 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Dymond, Kantor Once Again Named Among Florida's 500 Most Influential Business Leaders
11.08.2022 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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

Lowndes Advises Timbers Company on Joint Acquisition of South Seas Island Resort
10.12.2021 | PRESS RELEASE

Dymond, Kantor Named to Florida Trend's "Florida 500: Florida's Most Influential Business Leaders"
10.04.2021 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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

Update to Clients from the CEO: Happy New Year
02.05.2021 | FIRM NEWS

Lowndes CEO & President Dymond Named to "People to Know" in Orlando by *Florida Trend*
01.20.2021 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Lowndes Named to *Orlando Business Journal's* 2020 Central Florida Philanthropic Companies/Organizations List
12.14.2020 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Two Lowndes Attorneys Named to Florida Trend's "Florida 500: Florida's Most Influential Business Leaders"
09.21.2020 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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

Lowndes CEO & President Dymond Joins 130+ Florida Leaders Urging COVID-19 Protection
08.03.2020 | PRESS RELEASE

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

Lowndes CEO & President Dymond Mentioned in Timbers Resorts Article
01.23.2020 | MEDIA MENTION

Lowndes CEO and President, William T. Dymond, Assumes Position of Orlando Economic Partnership Board Chair
11.26.2019 | PRESS RELEASE

Lowndes CEO & President Mentioned in *Florida Trend* about Lift Orlando
11.04.2019 | MEDIA MENTION

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

Lowndes CEO & President Dymond Discusses Cannabis and Banking Legislation
06.19.2019 | MEDIA MENTION

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

Lowndes CEO & President Dymond Quoted in *Florida Trend* about the Orlando Legal Market
01.09.2019 | MEDIA MENTION

Lowndes CEO Dymond Named Chair-Elect of Orlando Economic Partnership
10.24.2018 | PRESS RELEASE

80-member City Beautiful Contingent Visiting Steel City for Innovation, Strategy Ideas
10.04.2018 | MEDIA MENTION

Lowndes CEO & President Dymond Named To Florida Trend's 500 "Florida's Most Influential Business Leaders" List
09.20.2018 | PRESS RELEASE

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

William T. Dymond to Receive Orlando Economic Development Commission's 2017 James B. Greene Award
04.13.2017 | PRESS RELEASE

Orlando Economic Partnership to Honor William T. Dymond, Jr. at Annual Award Dinner
04.03.2017 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Publications

Florida Citrus Sports, Generating Economic Impact
01.20.2020 | PODCASTS