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Focus

- Environmental and Sustainability Law
- Land Use Law
- Real Estate
- Government
- Litigation

Highly experienced land use attorney in North Central Florida. Dedicated to delivering exceptional client service.

Byron advises landowners, business entities, individuals, and local governments on land use, zoning, environmental, regulatory, conservation, and real estate issues. Although having a statewide practice, he is focused on North Central Florida, based in GrayRobinson's Gainesville office, his hometown. Byron has additional experience as outside counsel to several Florida municipalities and nonprofit organizations, advising on a variety of land use and coastal-related issues across the state of Florida.

For more than 15 years, Byron has advocated for his clients in all types of forums. He previously served as an assistant general counsel for the St. Johns River Water Management District handling Environmental Resource Permit matters, and as a felony assistant state attorney in the 8th Judicial Circuit handling numerous jury trials. He has litigated criminal and civil jury trials, as well as a range of administrative hearings involving environmental, land use, property appraiser, and code enforcement issues. More recently, Byron served in a unique role as conservation land negotiator for Alachua County's Office of Land Conservation and Management where he assisted in the administration of Alachua County's taxpayer-funded land acquisition program Alachua County Forever.

Notable Work

- Lead negotiator for Alachua County's purchase of over 12,000 acres of publicly-owned conservation land and conservation easements

Recognition

- Bill Sadowski Memorial Public Service Award, The Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section, 2022
- The Stephens/Register Memorial Award, The Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section, 2025
- *Florida Trend*, Legal Elite, 2017-present

Insights

- "Data Centers: Big Data, Bigger Impact," Panelist, Florida League of Cities' 2026 Annual Conference, August 13, 2026
- "Boating and Waterways in Florida: Jurisdiction, Authority and Roles," The Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section/Florida Sea Grant Webinar Series, December 11, 2025
- "Agritourism - Right to Farm Act," 2025 FACA CLE Annual Seminar, June 26, 2025
- "You're Ready to Grow Your Practice! Now What?" Panelist, Alachua County Medical Society (ACMS) April CME/Mentorship Program Meeting and Vendor Show, April 17, 2025
- "Land Use and Zoning 101: Key Insights For Buying or Leasing Business Space," UF Innovate Lunch and Learn, March 19, 2025
- "Florida's Derelict Vessel Law: Reducing Flotsam and Jetsam in State and Local Waters," Florida Bar CLE Course, April 28, 2022
- "Florida's Conservation Easement Legal Framework, Proprietary, and Regulatory Conservation Easements," Florida Bar CLE Course, March 18, 2021
- "Legal Basics of Impact Fees," Growth & Infrastructure Consortium Conference, 2019
- Co-Author, "Boating, Waterways, and the Rights of Navigation in Florida." 2019 (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th editions)
- "Ethics for Planners, Engineers, and Lawyers," Growth & Infrastructure Consortium Conference, 2018
- "Water Supply Policy in Florida & The Water-Energy Nexus," MiamiGreen Expo & Conference, 2018
- "The next wave of due diligence for coastal area properties." Presentation at American Bar Association Symposium, Orlando, May 2018

Media

- "Stem to Stern," *University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Blog*, March 28, 2024
- "November 1, 2022 On the Move," *The Florida Bar,* October 31, 2022
- "Personnel File --- People on the Move, October 11, 2022," *The News Service of Florida,* October 11, 2022

Affiliations

- 8th Judicial Circuit Bar Association
- The Florida Bar
    - Administrative Law Section
    - City, County, and Local Government Law Section
    - Environmental and Land Use Law Section, Executive Council Member
    - Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section
- Community Weatherization Coalition, Board Member
- Growth & Infrastructure Consortium, Vice-Chair; Board of Directors
- Leadership Gainesville, Class 39; Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce
- National Institute of Trial Advocacy, former Faculty Member

Credentials

- L.L.M., Environmental and Land Use Law, University of Florida College of Law, 2011
- J.D., University of Florida College of Law, 2002
- B.S., University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications, 1994

Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle and Southern Districts of Florida

Military Service

- U.S. Coast Guard