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Focus

- Administrative and Regulatory
- Government Affairs and Lobbying
- Litigation
- Appellate
- Election Law

Accomplished government relations lawyer and policy advisor with deep legislative roots. Former general counsel to the Florida House of Representatives and Florida Senate.

George Levesque has been collaborating with clients at the intersection of law and politics for more than twenty years. A sage and strategic counselor, he advises private and government sector clients on all aspects of legislative, regulatory, and political law. George brings invaluable insights and experiences to every client engagement, with an insider's understanding of sound rulemaking and effective interactions with government officeholders. As a former policy advisor to presiding officers in both the Florida House and Senate, he has advised on diverse matters involving the criminal and civil justice systems and the courts, regulated industries and professions, healthcare, insurance, gaming, and taxation, among others.

Prior to joining GrayRobinson, George served as special counsel and policy advisor to the Florida Speaker of the House of Representatives, representing the chamber in successful gaming compact negotiations on behalf of the State of Florida. He also served as general counsel for the Florida House and as general counsel to the Florida Senate. In those capacities, he advised and represented both chambers of the Legislature on legislation and litigation involving redistricting and challenges to the adequacy of Florida's public education system. George also served as a Senate special master and oversaw the Senate special master and claim bill processes.

Respected for his political savvy and depth of legislative experience, George helps clients navigate regulatory change and make meaningful impact across the state in a rapidly evolving economic and political environment. He frequently teams with GrayRobinson colleagues in the government, litigation, and appellate sections to provide robust advisory counsel for clients navigating the myriad policies, regulations, and decisions of state government.

Notable Work

- *Halifax Hospital Medical Center v. Office of the Attorney General, et al.*, No. 1D2023-1327 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024)

- *Global Innovative Concepts, LLC v. State*, 105 F.4th 139 (4th Cir. 2024)
- *Worrell v. DeSantis*, No. SC2023-1246, 2024 WL 2857909 (Fla. June 6, 2024)
- *Warren v. DeSantis*, 365 So. 3d 1137 (Fla. 2023)
- *Grace, Inc. v. City of Miami*, No. 23-12472, 2023 WL 5286232 (11th Cir. Aug. 4, 2023)
- *Florida Prepaid Coll. Bd. v. Intuition Coll. Sav. Sols., LLC*, 330 So. 3d 93 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)
- *Department of Agric. & Consumer Servs. v. Henry & Rilla White Found., Inc.*, 322 So. 3d 716, 717 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)
- *Department of Agric. & Consumer Servs. v. Henry & Rilla White Found., Inc.*, 317 So. 3d 1168 (Fla. 1st DCA 2020)
- Advisory Opinion to the Attorney General re: Prohibits Possession of Defined Assault Weapons, 296 So. 3d 376, No. SC19-1266 (Fla. 2020)
- Advisory Opinion to the Attorney General re: Voter Approval of Constitutional Amendments, 290 So. 3d 837 (Fla. 2020)
- *League of Women Voters of Fla. v. Scott*, 257 So. 3d 900 (Fla. 2018)

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2023-2027
  - Administrative/Regulatory Law
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Government Relations Practice

Insights

- "Legislative Wrap-Up 2026," Greater Pensacola Chamber, June 18, 2026
- "GrayRobinson 2024 Legislation Session Wrap-Up," Miami, April 9, 2024
- "GrayRobinson 2023 Legislative Session Wrap-Up," Tampa, May 23, 2023
- "GrayRobinson 2021 Legislative Session Wrap-Up," Webinar, May 18, 2021
- "GrayRobinson 2021 Legislative Session Weekly Roundup," Webinar, April 23, 2021
- "The Claim Bill Process," Practicing Before the Legislature 2019, The Florida Bar, February 2019

Media

- "Fla. Justices Won't Undo DeSantis' Suspension Of Prosecutor," *Law360*, June 6, 2024
- "Warren v. DeSantis: Governor's aide, Warren's aide, were key witnesses," Florida Phoenix, December 2, 2022
- "Warren v. DeSantis: Hillsborough State Attorney's chief of staff helps governor's case on final day of trial," WTVT-TV FOX 13 Tampa, December 2, 2022
- "Trial over DeSantis removal of prosecutor on abortion ends," *Associated Press*, December 1, 2022
- "Fort Myers council reviews voter redistricting, plans ward by ward hearings," *News-Press,* November 19, 2021

Affiliations

- The Florida Bar
  - Government Lawyers Section Executive Committee
    - Representative, First Appellate District

- Judicial Nominating Commission
  - First District Court of Appeal, appointed by Governor Jeb Bush, 2006-2010
    - Chair, 2009-2010
- The Federalist Society
- Uniform Law Commission, Member

Credentials

- J.D, Florida State University College of Law, 2001
- B.S, Bob Jones University, 1992

Admissions

- Florida
- Georgia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th and 11th Circuits
- U.S. District Court for the Middle and Northern Districts of Florida
- U.S. Supreme Court