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# Alumni Comprise More Than Half of Firm's New Government Affairs Team



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In advance of the 2011 Florida Legislative Session, the Gunster law firm formed a government affairs practice in Tallahassee to better represent its business clients at the executive, administrative, legislative and regulatory levels of state government. Of the eight-member team, five are graduates of Florida State University College of Law. Alumni **Joanna L.C. Bonfanti ('85)**, **Matt Feil ('89)**, **Beth Keating ('94)**, **John Lockwood ('06)** and **J. Larry Williams ('75)** joined the team in Gunster's Tallahassee office.

Bonfanti is a government affairs consultant, representing clients before the Florida Legislature. Before joining the firm, she served as compliance and government affairs program manager for the nation's largest food wholesaler, C&S Wholesale Grocers, Inc., and oversaw their federal and state legislative issues. Prior to that, she handled energy and health care policy for the Florida Chamber of Commerce and created the association's Energy Solutions Coalition.

Feil is an of counsel shareholder

and has spent nearly 20 years working in utility regulation, both at the Public Service Commission (PSC) and in private industry. His experience includes negotiating interconnection agreements with communications clients, representing energy clients in cost-of-service issues and negotiating purchase power agreements for renewable energy firms. He has litigated some of the largest cases in PSC history and the largest water and wastewater rate case in Florida history.

Keating is a shareholder well versed in state administrative law, as well as federal and state regulatory codes pertaining to utility companies. Her practice involves legal representation of and policy consultation for competitive telecommunications, cable and technology companies, and natural gas utilities. She assists clients with issues before state agencies and the Florida Legislature.

Lockwood is an associate with experience in government affairs and public policy, administrative law and regulatory affairs, regulated industries and

gaming law. He was named a "Rising Star" by *Florida Super Lawyers* in 2010 and an "Up and Comer" for 2009-2010 by *Florida Trend*.

Williams is a shareholder with extensive experience in governmental representation at all levels. Williams has consulted clients on affairs before the Florida Legislature and Cabinet, as well as state agencies in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. Representing a variety of clients ranging from transportation to health care and entertainment to tobacco companies, Williams was recognized as one of the *Best Lawyers in America* in 2009 and 2010 for government relations law.