

# J. Larry Williams

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## Practice & Industry Areas

- Government Affairs Law & Lobbying
- Energy

## Education

- Florida State University College of Law, J.D., 1975
- Florida State University, B.A., Business Administration, 1968

## Bar & Court Admissions

- Florida, 1976

## Overview

Larry Williams is a shareholder in Gunster's Tallahassee office. As head of Gunster's lobbying practice, Larry offers more than three decades of experience representing clients at all levels of government. Throughout the course of his legal career, Larry has worked with a wide range of clients from a diverse cross section of industries, including transportation, entertainment, educational instruction, energy, affordable housing, regulated industries, environmental and health care, among others.

Larry has consulted for clients on affairs before the legislature and governmental agencies in Florida, South Carolina and Georgia, as well as with the Florida Cabinet. Larry is focused on steadily advancing the interests and position of his clients. He strives to shape the law on behalf of his clients, rather than let the law shape them. Larry is committed to understanding law and policy from the inside out, and seeks to continuously develop and nurture relationships throughout Florida and beyond with elected officials and policymakers, regulatory officials and legislative leadership and staff.

Larry is dedicated to forging consensus when and where it is needed most, and reinforces such conviction by developing communication strategies that focus not only on how a bill or policy will further the interests of his client, but also upon how it overlaps with an

official's own standards or benefits his/her constituencies. Larry understands, from personal experience, that reputations can be fortified or broken in an instant. As a result, he strives to establish immediate credibility and confidence with his clients, colleagues and constituents alike that is backed by responsiveness, service and practical legal counsel.

## **Honors**

- *The Best Lawyers in America*©, Government Relations Practice, 2009-24

## **Professional Associations & Memberships**

- American Bar Association
- Fellows of the American Bar Association