

Robert S. Raynes Jr.

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Practice & Industry Areas

- Environmental & Land Use Law
- Real Estate Law

Education

- West Virginia University, J.D., Law Review, 1997
- West Virginia University, B.A., 1983

Bar & Court Admissions

- Florida, 1997
- West Virginia, 1999, Inactive

Overview

Bob Raynes is a shareholder who joined Gunster in 1997. Bob's practice is focused on real estate development and land use law. Bob has nearly two decades of experience in assisting clients with complex real estate, land use, zoning and development approval initiatives. Bob has provided strategic advice and legal counsel on significant projects throughout the state of Florida, particularly in Martin and St. Lucie Counties.

Bob is dedicated to guiding his clients through the land use regulatory maze associated with Florida development initiatives. Bob works with individuals and developers of large and small real estate related projects alike. His experience includes development entitlement and permit processing, and the negotiation of land use agreements.

Bob is personally committed to establishing and continuously cultivating productive and beneficial relationships throughout the jurisdictions he works and with his clients, consultants and local and state governmental agency staff. He remains focused on a common sense approach to the practice of law and to problem solving, which help him to keep client initiatives on track when distinguishing what is important and what is not in order to progress. Bob also strives to be responsive, and to employing a clear and direct communication style.

Prior to joining Gunster, Bob was a PGA Golf Professional for over 12 years and is still a member of the PGA of America.

Representative Matters

- Representation of commercial developers, residential developers and property owners in transactional sales and purchases along with development approvals of hotels, commercial and industrial centers, residential communities and golf courses

Honors

- *Stuart Magazine*, “Top Lawyers,” Land Use & Zoning Law, 2023
- West Virginia University Law Review, 1996-97
- *The US Legal 500*, Real Estate and Construction: Florida: Land Use & Zoning

Publications & Presentations

- “Planned Unit Developments: The Double Edged Sword” Florida Bar Journal, June 2008
- “A Royalty Pain In The Gas: What Cost May Be Properly Deducted from a Gas Royalty Interest?” 98 W. Va. L. Rev. 1199, 1996

Professional Associations & Memberships

- Martin County Bar Association
- Professional Golfers’ Association of America

Civic & Community Service

- Economic Council of Martin County
 - Former Board Member
 - Past President
- Council on Aging of Martin County
 - Former Board Member
 - Past Chairman
- Maritime & Classic Boat Museum, former Board Member
- Education Foundation of Martin County, former Board Member
- Jensen Beach Chamber of Commerce, former Board Member
- Palm City Chamber of Commerce
 - Former Board Member

- Past President