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## AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights

Commercial Leasing

Entity Formation & Tax  
Structuring

Land Use & Development  
Rights

Property Tax Litigation

Real Estate Acquisition &  
Development

Real Estate Construction &  
Design

Real Estate Finance

## RELATED CAPABILITIES

Automotive Commercial Real  
Estate, Finance & Construction

Bankruptcy & Restructuring

Commercial Landlord/Tenant

Opportunity Zones

Real Property Litigation

# REAL ESTATE

Our Real Estate Group is widely regarded as one of the elite practices in the state for its depth of personnel, experience and knowledge applied to all aspects of commercial real estate. Our clients include commercial and residential developers, major lending institutions, banks, merchant builders, contractors, brokers and investors, automobile dealerships, retailers, schools and universities, and other significant property owners – both on a state and national level.

Our attorneys embrace the unique business perspective of each client, with the goal of developing the most effective and efficient array of legal services to suit a client's particular needs. With approximately twenty attorneys and ten paralegals, we have the resources and abilities to efficiently and effectively represent clients in a wide range of complex real estate matters. We provide creative solutions that protect and advance the interests and objectives of our clients, without losing sight of the fact that making the deal is the ultimate business goal.

Several of our Real Estate attorneys are Board Certified Real Estate lawyers, and many of our Real Estate attorneys are consistently recognized among the *Best Lawyers in America*, *Florida Super Lawyers*, and *Florida Trend's Legal Elite*. Of particular note, Thomas N. Henderson III, one of our founding shareholders, has been included among the esteemed *Top Ten Attorneys in Florida* as well as the inaugural *Legal Elite Hall of Fame* by Florida Trend. He has also been cited for excellence by Chambers & Partners in its annual guide to the leading lawyers in the USA.

*Best Lawyers in America* recently ranked Hill Ward Henderson's Real Estate Group as the #1 Real Estate Practice in Tampa.

Our clients consult us on a vast range of complex issues and transactions in a number of areas, including:

- Real estate acquisition and development
- Real estate finance
- Bankruptcy & creditors' rights (including loan workouts, restructurings and foreclosures)
- Commercial leasing
- Zoning and land use
- Real estate construction and design

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- Entity formation and tax structuring
- Property tax litigation (including ad valorem real estate assessment appeals)
- Real property litigation
- Opportunity zones
- Public and private funding including, Tax Increment Financing (TIF), public-private partnerships, and other public funding mechanisms

### NOTEWORTHY

*"The team has a broad base of knowledge and experience with many industry contacts." Client quote, Chambers USA 2025*

*"They excel in completing transactions and tasks with a very high degree of professionalism and they understand my business goals." Client quote, Chambers USA 2024*

*"They have been very consistent in providing very excellent, prompt council. They don't get bogged down with complexity and are able to distill what we need to give us answers." Client quote, Chambers USA 2024*

*"Hill Ward Henderson is a very sophisticated firm with many resources to evaluate, research, and navigate a very complex legal situation." Client quote, Chambers USA 2023*

*"All team members, including attorneys, administrative assistants and paralegals, make you feel as if you are the only client they have." Client quote, Chambers USA 2023*

*"Very responsive and always available." Client quote, Chambers USA 2023*

*"Hill Ward Henderson has tenured and highly experienced team members. They are always attentive and put clients first." Client quote, Chambers USA 2022*

*"They work well collaboratively and know their particular disciplines well." Client quote, Chambers USA 2021*

*A client highlights the "knowledge, professionalism and broad spectrum of expertise among the team members." Chambers USA 2021*

### NEWS & INSIGHTS

Hill Ward Henderson Advises Cydeo Wealth Partners in Strategic Minority Investment by Rise Growth Partners  
Firm News, 3.16.26

Hill Ward Henderson Advises SemiLab International In Sale of Unique Materials Composition and Electrical Analysis Product Lines to Onto Innovation Inc.  
Firm News, 11.19.25

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive 2025 Chambers Recognition  
Firm News, 6.5.25

Fifty-Seven Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2024 Florida Super Lawyers Listing  
Firm News, 6.24.24

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive 2024 Chambers Recognition  
Firm News, 6.6.24

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive 2023 Chambers Recognition  
Firm News, 6.1.23

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive 2022 Chambers Recognition  
6.1.22

Hill Ward Henderson Represents Asbury Automotive Group in Acquisition of Larry H. Miller Dealerships and TotalCare Auto, Powered by Landcar  
Firm News, 12.20.21

Hill Ward Henderson Receives Regional Rankings from U.S. News – Best Lawyers® 2022  
Firm News, 11.4.21

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive 2021 Chambers Recognition  
Firm News, 5.20.21

Hill Ward Henderson Represents Asbury Automotive Group in Acquisition of Park Place Dealerships  
Firm News, 8.26.20

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Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive Chambers USA  
2020 Recognition  
Firm News, 4.23.20

Hill Ward Henderson Receives National and Regional Rankings from  
U.S. News – Best Lawyers® 2020  
Firm News, 11.1.19

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive Chambers USA  
2019 Recognition  
Firm News, 4.25.19

Hill Ward Henderson Recognized By Chambers And Partners 2018  
5.8.18