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Tara Gould focuses her practice on commercial real estate transactions involving acquisition and development on behalf of residential home builders, developers, commercial property owners, and institutional investors. She concentrates on homeowner association and master property owner association documentation. She also assists with general due diligence, including the review of development approvals, plat requirements, and land use matters.

In addition to her private sector experience providing representation to municipal clients, Tara began her career as an Assistant General Counsel at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and served over five years as an Assistant County Attorney for Orange County. Most recently, Tara served as the Assistant General Counsel for the Toho Water Authority where she gained first-hand experience with a host of legal matters and operational issues impacting public water utilities.

Related Professional Experience

- Toho Water Authority, Assistant General Counsel, 2022-2023
- Orange County Legal Aid Society, Orlando, Florida, Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem, 2015-2016
- Orange County, Florida, Assistant County Attorney, 2006-2012
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Assistant General Counsel. 2001-2003
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Research Associate, 2003-2004

Areas of Experience

Florida Land Use and Entitlements
Real Estate
Local Government Advocacy
Land Use and Development
Environment and Natural Resources
Brownfields Redevelopment
Water Task Force

Education

J.D., Stetson University College of Law, 2001, cum laude, Nader/Zrake Memorial Scholarship and Award, Environmental Law Society, President, 2001-2001, Vice President, 1999-2000

B.A., University of Central Florida, 1996

Admissions

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