

George I. Platt III

Known for his considerable experience in [Government Law](#) and lobbying, George Platt's skill helped him earn a reputation as a leading lawyer and a prominent lobbyist in Broward County. With more than 30 years in practice, he counsels clients on regulatory law, government relations, land use, environmental law and related corporate issues. He is the managing partner of the [Fort Lauderdale](#) office and is an "AV" or top-rated attorney in his field.

Legal Experience

Large developers and companies rely on Mr. Platt to help gain government approval, evaluate land use and handle environmental concerns. He has represented some of South Florida's major projects including the Broward County Convention Center, Dolphins Stadium, development of the Coral Springs and Parkland communities, the Bank Atlantic Center, and the 450-acre Pembroke Pines Mitigation Bank.

Mr. Platt is also well versed in matters involving Port Everglades and the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, which he also served as a former Broward County Commissioner. Companies that do business with these entities often call on him for counsel. As a Board member of the Port Everglades Association and as Chair of the Broward Workshop Transportation Committee, he helps represent the interests of companies doing business at the port and the airport.

Mr. Platt frequently lectures on wetlands mitigation banking, habitat conservation banking, and education issues. He is also a Member of the National Mitigation Banking Association, where he has chaired the Legislative Committee.

Government Experience

His familiarity with local government is based not only on his legal work, but also on his years of civic involvement. As a former Broward County Commissioner, Mr. Platt chaired the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Value Adjustment Board. He also served on the South Florida Regional Planning Council. More recently, he was a Commissioner on the Broward County Charter Review Commission. He currently serves as a Board member of the Broward Performing Arts Center Authority.

Mr. Platt also has a leading reputation for lobbying work within the county. He served as Chairman and State Committeeman of the Broward County Democratic Party and as Treasurer of

the Florida Democratic Party. Local, state and federal elected officials often call on him for advice and local publications consistently rank him among the 50 most influential people in this county of 1.8 million people.

Community Involvement

A supporter of local and state organizations, Mr. Platt served as Chairman for the State Board of Community Colleges, the Florida Atlantic University Foundation and Fort Lauderdale's Downtown Council. He currently serves on the Board of Governors of the Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale, Trustee and Chairman of the Broward Public Library Foundation, the Board of Trustees Nova Southeastern University and Chairman of the Advisory Board for NSU's College of Arts and Sciences. Mr. Platt also serves on the Board of the Foundation for Florida's Community College and on the Board of the Global Education Advisory Board of UNC, Chapel Hill.

Background

Mr. Platt began his legal career in 1972 at the Harvard Center for Law and Education. After law school, he was awarded an International Legal Center Overseas Teaching Fellowship at the Catholic University Law School in Santiago, Chile, where he taught and advised. Fluent in Spanish, Mr. Platt also served two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Republic of Panama.

Education

- Northeastern University School of Law, J.D., 1972
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.A., Political Science, 1966
- University of Notre Dame, Summer 1965
- Broward College, A.A. 1964

Bar Admissions

- Florida Bar
- Massachusetts Bar

Languages

- Spanish

Affiliations

- Transportation Committee of the Broward Workshop, Chair
- Broward Public Library Foundation, Chair, Trustee
- Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale
- National Mitigation Banking Association, Board Member
- Nova Southeastern University, Trustee
- Port Everglades Association, Board Member
- FEC Corridor Coalition Member
- American Bar Association, Environmental Section
- Florida Bar, Local Government Section