

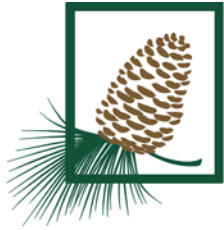


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Summary of Firm's Background

Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., is a 24-attorney law firm with offices in West Palm Beach, Jacksonville, and Tallahassee. The Firm represents numerous counties, cities and special districts throughout Florida before all three branches of state government: judicial, legislative and executive.

The Firm is AV-rated and its shareholders, individually and as a group, enjoy a statewide reputation in the fields of:

- Governmental and special district representation
- Labor and employment law
- General administrative and legislative matters
- Ethics and public records/meetings law matters
- Public finance
- Environmental and land use law
- Water and wastewater issues

This reputation has been established on the foundation of the shareholders' extensive experience in these specialty areas. All the attorneys at the Firm are licensed to practice law in the State of Florida. A firm brochure, which describes all the Firm's legal services and includes profiles of all the Firm's professionals, is attached as Appendix A.

The attorneys at Lewis, Longman & Walker have provided legal representation to governmental entities at all levels for more than 20 years. The Firm's representation of public sector clients, including cities, counties, special taxing districts, airport and port authorities, is statewide and comprehensive. The scope of legal representation for these clients has been broad and varied, including environmental regulation and permitting, legislative representation, ethics and government in Sunshine matters, public finance, financial disclosure, public contracts, tort liability law, rulemaking proceedings, comprehensive plan and environmental litigation and appeals, labor and employment law, and other related matters. Because of their representation of state agencies and regional and local governmental entities, Firm members have an in-depth understanding of governmental powers and authorities and Florida constitutional law governing public sector activities.

Additionally, the Firm has served as lead counsel in extremely complex lawsuits involving multi-million dollar claims and multiple parties, such as the Everglades cleanup lawsuits. The Firm has coordinated regulatory compliance for large regional developments, such as ports and airports and the closure of Superfund sites.

Success at the Firm is attributable in large part to team effort, maximizing not only knowledge but also legislative and executive branch contacts. Firm attorneys bring a wealth of experience, including:

- Legislative Counsel, Florida League of Cities
- Palm Beach County Commissioner
- Legislative Counsel, Florida Association of Special Districts and St. Lucie County.
- Former Assistant General Counsel to the Florida Department of Banking and Finance
- Counsel to the Palm Beach County Legislature Delegation
- Chief of Staff to former United States Congressman Bill Nelson (now a U.S. Senator)
- Eight-term Chairman of the Jupiter Planning and Zoning Commission

The Firm's attorneys are experienced in representing governmental entities in general and special counsel services at city, county and special district levels in several different capacities; employment discrimination; civil rights; sexual discrimination; environmental and land use; and waste and water regulations and management.

Representing local governments before the Legislature has made the Firm sensitive to the special needs of public entities governed by ever-rotating boards and officers. An important aspect of what we do is communicate the activities of the Legislature of interest to the client in a timely fashion, as well as the activities taken by the Firm in the interest of a client. No public position on legislation will be taken on your behalf without your knowledge and affirmation.

Firm's Understanding of Services to be Performed

The Firm's understanding is that the Council requires an attorney to serve as legal counsel to the Children's Services Council in the areas of public finance, taxing authorities, purchasing & contracting, public hearings, sunshine laws, public records, conflicts of interest laws, and employment laws.

Firm Attorneys to Provide Legal Services

██████████, a shareholder of the Firm, located in the West Palm Beach office at 1700 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, Suite 1000, would be the shareholder primarily responsible for providing and managing the requested legal services to the Council. ██████████ would attend meetings for the Council. He would be supported in this effort by ██████████. Below are general descriptions of the experience of Mr. ██████████ and Mr. ██████████. Detailed resumes for both may be found in Appendix B.

Kenneth G. Spillias, Primary Attorney

The Firm will designate [REDACTED], a shareholder of the Firm, as the primary attorney for the legal services to be performed by the Firm. Mr. [REDACTED] has practiced law since 1974. He has practiced in Florida since 1978. He practices in the areas of employment law, local government law, general and commercial litigation, and is Florida Bar Board Certified in Appellate Law. In addition to being admitted to practice in Florida, Mr. [REDACTED] is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania; the United States Supreme Court; the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eleventh Circuits; and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida. He also is certified as a Circuit Court Civil Mediator. Mr. [REDACTED] holds an AV rating with Martindale-Hubbell. Mr. [REDACTED] has represented local governments in a number of capacities and currently serves as General Counsel for the Town of Ocean Ridge in Palm Beach County. In addition, Mr. [REDACTED] has held several positions as an elected and appointed government official, including one term as a Palm Beach County Commissioner. Mr. [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] and former member and chairman of the Palm Beach County's Children's Services Council, the first independent taxing district established to serve children and families since the development of the Pinellas County Juvenile Welfares Board forty years earlier. To establish the Palm Beach County Children's Services Council, Mr. [REDACTED] participated in lobbying the Florida Legislature for passage of the enabling legislation, managed the successful referendum campaign authorizing the Council's taxing authority and, as an appointee to the Council by Governor Bob Graham, assisted in the development of the Council as a viable governmental entity. Mr. [REDACTED]'s efforts, along with those of the other dedicated citizens whose efforts led to the creation of Palm Beach County Children's Services Council, are highlighted in Harvard University's brochure titled "Healthy Children. Special Taxing Districts for Children: A Powerful Idea From Florida" (see Appendix C). After his term on the Children's Services Council ended in 1991, Mr. [REDACTED] was also retained by the Council to serve as special legal counsel in contract negotiation and legislative lobbying matters.

Terry E. Lewis, Shareholder

[REDACTED] is a shareholder and one of the original co-founders of the Firm. He has over 20 years experience in representing clients in governmental and environmental permitting matters, and a statewide reputation for his representation of special districts. He currently represents the Florida Association of Special Districts and St. Lucie County as legislative counsel, and he was a principal draftsman and successfully lobbied for passage of the Special Districts Accountability Act and Community Development Act. Mr. [REDACTED] was the first attorney for the Palm Beach County Children's Services Council, and contributed to Harvard University's brochure, titled "Healthy Children. Special Taxing Districts for Children: A Powerful Idea From Florida" (see Appendix C). He represents more than 30 regional and local general purpose and special purpose governments, including St. Lucie County, The Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority, Leon County, West Palm Beach, the South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Board (Boynton Beach/Delray Beach wastewater utility), and Lake Worth Drainage District. He provides legal services in general local government matters, as well as matters related to environmental resource permits, developments of regional impact, the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, and state agency rulemaking proceedings. Mr. [REDACTED] holds an AV rating with Martindale-Hubbell.

Firm's Ability to Provide Legal Services

The entire Firm consists of 24 lawyers and three paralegals with sufficient support staff to ensure that all work product is performed efficiently and on a timely basis. In addition to the two attorneys profiled above, the West Palm Beach office of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A. may provide the services of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], shareholders; [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], Associates; and [REDACTED], paralegal (please see Appendix A for their profiles). The resources of the Firm's Tallahassee and Jacksonville offices will also be available as necessary and appropriate to assist in the representation. All Council matters will be handled and managed with the goal of providing the best quality legal services in the most efficient, cost-effective manner for the Children's Services Council.

Along with the attorneys already profiled here and in the brochure (Appendix A), the Firm has a talented and highly-skilled clerical support staff, who are proficient in all administrative systems of the Firm. More than half the legal secretaries have worked with their attorney supervisors for a minimum of five years; two of that majority have supported their attorneys for at least 12 years. This low turnover rate contributes to the efficient and pleasant working environment that serves to benefit the professional staff and the Firm's Clients, too.

Lewis, Longman & Walker P.A. believes in delegating the work to the appropriate level of shareholders, associates and paralegals able to do the work most effectively. This allows the Firm to service the Council with a maximum efficiency but at a lower hourly rate.

The Firm also has state-of-the-art Windows NT and WAN technology within all its offices. The Firm's e-mail and computer system is capable of shipping entire files, memos and opinions electronically to our clients to save attorney time and costs. The Firm also has desktop computer-assisted legal research capabilities through WestLaw, on-line direct access to the databases of various institutions, several CD-ROM tools, and the Internet. A full-time in-house network administrator ensures that the computer systems are running consistently and efficiently so we may utilize our technology to minimize legal fees.

Additionally, the Firm has an in-house law library consisting of up-to-date books, binders and circulars on Florida law, rules and local ordinances; federal law and environmental regulations; Florida case law; as well as continuing legal education books, circulars and periodicals devoted to governmental, administrative, water use and environmental law issues.

Representative Governmental Clients

Current and Previous

The list was approximately 1½ page, 2 columns in length.
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Specific Client Cases

A description of public law services provided to some representative clients are listed below.

Client name, address and contact information listed here. Below is sample reference that went along with each client.

Mr. [REDACTED] served as Special Counsel to the Palm Beach County Children Service's Council in lobbying the Florida Legislature to exempt the Council from the ad valorem limitations of tax increment financing. Mr. [REDACTED] also represented the Council in the negotiation, preparation and execution of a professional service contract.

Seven specific clients were listed, appropriate to the proposal.

Conflict of Interest

The Firm does not believe that the scope of legal representation presents any conflict of interest given the scope of work outlined in the Request for Qualifications. However, the Firm understands that there is a remote potential for unanticipated conflicts to arise. Should a potential for a conflict exist, the Firm will immediately take appropriate action through disclosure, waiver and consent, or, if necessary, by refraining from representation in a particular matter.

Insurance

The Firm maintains insurance coverage as follows:

Type of Insurance	Carrier	Amount of Coverage
Professional Liability	[REDACTED] Casualty	\$ [REDACTED] each claim/annual aggregate
Workers' Compensation	[REDACTED] Group	\$ [REDACTED] each disease/accident \$ [REDACTED] limit for disease
Business Auto Policy	[REDACTED] Property Casualty	\$ [REDACTED] for hired and non-owned
Comprehensive & General Liability	[REDACTED] Property Casualty	\$ [REDACTED] each occurrence

Proposed Fees

The Firm proposes a billing method whereby the Firm would bill the Council at an hourly rate in accord with the following schedule:

	Hourly Rate
Shareholders	\$ [REDACTED].00
Senior Associates	[REDACTED].00 to [REDACTED].00
Junior Associates	[REDACTED].00 to [REDACTED].00
Law Clerks	[REDACTED].00
Paralegals	[REDACTED].00 to [REDACTED].00
Telephone Inquiries	timekeeper hourly rate
Secretarial	0.00

LEWIS, LONGMAN & WALKER, P.A.

By: _____
Authorized Signature

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Print Name

Shareholder _____
Title

May 4, 2001 _____
Date