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PRACTICE AREAS

- » Construction & Development
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Meredith D. Crawford is a board-certified specialist City, County & Local Government attorney in the Environmental and Land Use practice area of Clark Partington's Commercial Litigation Department. Meredith's practice primarily focuses on local, state, & federal land use law, planning & litigation; community association planning; government administration; and associated environmental permitting.

Meredith is prepared to help clients with all aspects of land use law and government regulation, including zoning, comprehensive plans, subdivisions, development agreements, community redevelopment, government licensing, permitting and related environmental issues.

Meredith has extensive litigation and legal experience in both public and private sectors of business and government. In the public sector, Meredith served as attorney for the Escambia County Board of Commissioners, where she routinely prepared ordinances, resolutions, memoranda and legal instruments on behalf of the local government. While with the County, Meredith represented the Escambia County Planning Board where she routinely reviewed, prepared and advised on amendments to the County Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan, rezoning and future land use map amendments, development agreements, government procurement processes and infrastructure project approvals. Meredith is an AICP certified planner.

In addition, Meredith served as a senior litigation attorney with the State of Florida Department of Children and Families, Children's Legal Services, and as a Florida assistant public defender.

Meredith's private sector experience included first party claims involving breach of contract, uninsured/underinsured motorists, premises liability and a multitude of insurance coverage issues.

Meredith is a graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law. Before law school, Meredith graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Mobile, earning three Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science, Spanish & History, with a minor in psychology.

She is licensed to practice law in the states of Mississippi and Florida.

AFFILIATIONS

- » Florida Bar, 2007
- » Mississippi Bar, 2006
- » Board Certified City, County & Local Government Attorney, 2019
- » Federal Bar, Northern District of Florida, 2018
- » Escambia Santa Rosa Bar Association
- » City County & Local Government Law Section, Florida Bar, 2015 – present
- » Environmental & Land Use Section, Florida Bar, 2016 – present
- » Labor & Employment Section, Florida Bar, 2016 – present
- » American Planning Association
- » Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association
- » Emerald Coast Planning Association
- » Gulf Coast Citizens Diplomacy Council
- » AMIKids Pensacola Board of Trustees, 2019 – present
- » Perdido Bay Golf & Country Club Homeowner's Association Board of Trustees, 2018 – present

EDUCATION

- » J.D., University of Mississippi School of Law, 2006
- » B.A., Political Science, Spanish, History, *summa cum laude*, University of Mobile

HONORS

- » Board Certified – City, County and Local Government Law (B.C.S.)
- » Certified Land Planner (AICP)

ADMITTANCE TO PRACTICE

- » All Florida State Courts
- » All Mississippi State Courts

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC MEETINGS

- » The Sunshine Law and Open Government, Escambia County Health Benefits Committee, May 7, 2015
- » Sunshine Law Update, Escambia County Marine Advisory Committee, May 11, 2015
- » Local Government in the Sunshine, Escambia County Building Inspections Department Inspections Fund Advisory Board, October 20, 2015
- » Local Government in the Sunshine, Escambia County Disability Awareness Committee, October 21, 2015
- » Open Government: The Sunshine Law, Escambia County Board of Electrical Examiners, November 19, 2015
- » The Sunshine and Public Records Law, Escambia County Disability Awareness Committee, January 20, 2016
- » Open Government: The Sunshine Law, Escambia County Board of Electrical Examiners, January 20, 2016
- » Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) Planning, Escambia County Town Hall Meeting, October 10, 2016 and October 17, 2016
- » Eager Beaver, Escambia County Town Hall Meeting, October 13, 2016
- » Escambia County Optional Sector Plan, Escambia County Town Hall Meeting, January 23, 2017
- » Sunbelt Recycling and Materials Processing Facilities, Escambia County Town Hall Meeting, April 2, 2017
- » Transparency in Florida Government: Sunshine and Public Records Escambia County Disability Awareness Committee, April 18, 2017
- » Shortleaf Borrow Pit and Solid Waste Processing Permit Request Procedures, Escambia County Town Hall Meeting, October 12, 2017
- » Florida Local Government under The Sunshine Law and Public Records Act, Escambia County Design Standards Manual Committee, November 1, 2017
- » Quasi-Judicial and Legislative Hearings, the Sunshine Law and Public Records Act, Escambia County Planning Board, November 7, 2017
- » Delta Contractors and Concrete Crushing Facilities, Escambia County Town Hall Meeting, January 23, 2018
- » Nature Path to Big Lagoon, Joint Town Hall Meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection, June 18, 2018
- » Tiny Tim: Zoning for a Pony, Escambia County Town Hall Meeting, July 26, 2018
- » Sunshine Law Update, Escambia County Disability Awareness Committee, January 16, 2019
- » Open Government: Quasi-Judicial Process, Sunshine Law and Public Records Act, Gulf Coast Citizen Diplomacy Council delegation from – February 21, 2019
- » Quasi-Judicial and Legislative Hearings, the Sunshine Law and Public Records Act Escambia County Planning Board, April 2, 2019
- » Ensuring Local Government Transparency: An attorney's perspective on the law and local politics in Florida, Gulf Coast Citizen Diplomacy Council delegation from – August 13, 2019
- » Bay Area Resource Council Presentation
- » Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies