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PRACTICE AREAS

Environmental & Land Use
Eminent Domain & Property Rights
Business Litigation

Brian Seymour co-chairs Gunster's Real Property practice. He represents clients throughout Florida who need experienced land use and property rights counsel. Since joining the firm out of law school, Brian has represented land owners and developers in matters of land use, zoning, comprehensive planning and environmental resource permitting, as well as eminent domain, land use and constitutional property rights litigation.

Brian understands the role of the political process in land use decisions, regularly balancing legal rights and political realities in advising clients on how to achieve their goals in ways that makes business sense.

Brian has worked on properties and projects related to residential communities, retail, office and industrial developments, mixed-use, agriculture, mining, education and sports facilities. Brian's varied experience also helps him lead the firm's Real Property practice, which includes all aspects of land use, real estate transactions, development, environmental matters, eminent domain and property rights litigation.

With two children he hopes will live and work in Florida, Brian is committed to his local community. Brian is active in many local organizations, including the Palm Beach County Business Development Board, Chambers of Commerce, The Economic Council of Palm Beach County, and the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, as well as many political activities. Brian also served as the vice chair of the Florida Elections Commission and is an active member of Leadership Florida. He is also a member of the board of trustees of the Jewish Federations of North America and has chaired its Emergency Committee, responding to natural disasters throughout north America.

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EDUCATION

Fordham University, J.D., 1997

San Francisco State University, B.A., 1994

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Florida Bar, 1997

United States District Court

Southern District of Florida

Middle District of Florida

United States Court of Federal Claims

United States Tax Court

United States Court of Appeals

Eleventh Circuit

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Florida Bar

Eminent Domain Committee, 1998-06, vice chair,
2004-06

Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, 2004-
present

Environmental and Land Use Section, 2004-present

Palm Beach County Bar Association, 1997-present

Environmental & Land Use Committee, 2009-15

American Planning Association, Florida Chapter

International Council of Shopping Centers

HONORS

"Community Leader of the Year," Palm Beach North
Chamber of Commerce, 2019

The Best Lawyers in America®, Land Use and Zoning
Litigation "Lawyer of the Year" in West Palm Beach,
2015, 2017, 2019 & 2021

The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation,
Land Use & Zoning Litigation, Eminent Domain and
Condemnation, 2013-21

Chambers & Partners, "Leaders in Their Field," Real
Estate: Zoning/Land Use, 2013-20

Florida Trend, "Legal Elite," 2008, 2010-15, 2018

Florida Super Lawyers, 2009, 2011-20

"Top 100" Miami Lawyers, 2014

Palm Beach Illustrated, "Top Lawyers," Land Use and
Zoning, 2018-20

The US Legal 500, Real Estate and Construction: Florida:
Land Use & Zoning

Business Leaders Magazine, "Movers & Shakers," 2009

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

"Upcoming Growth in Our Largest Cities," Business
Development Board of Palm Beach County's 4th
Quarter Luncheon, September 26, 2019

"Effective Writing for Planners," Treasure Coast Section
of the American Planning Association Florida Chapter
2018 Annual Conference, September 13, 2018

"Development Trends," Realtors Commercial Alliance of
Palm Beach County, 2015-19

"Fast Track A Successful Redevelopment – The Palm
Beach Outlets Story," American Planning Association,
Florida Conference, September 2014

"Return of Development – Are We Ready," Florida
Chamber of Commerce, 28th Environmental Permitting
Summer School, July 2014

"Property Rights Take Center Stage," Florida Chamber
of Commerce, 26th Annual Environmental Permitting
Summer School, July 2012

"Land Use Regulation and Property Rights," Florida
Chamber of Commerce, Growth Management Energy,
Climate Change & the Environment Short Course,
February 2011

"Practical Tips for the Environmental and Land Use
Consultant When Testifying," Florida Chamber of
Commerce, Growth Management Energy, Climate
Change & the Environment Short Course, February 2011

"Rural Lands Development and Planning," Florida Earth
Foundation, Introduction to Florida, February 5, 2010

"Regulatory Takings 101: The Basics of Regulations,
Conditions of Approval and Impacts on Property
Rights," Florida Chamber of Commerce, Environmental
Permitting Summer School, July 2009

"A Primer on Inverse Condemnation," Half Moon
Seminars, February 2006

"Fundamentals of Real Estate Development – The Big
Picture," Sterling Education Services, February 2006

"Inverse Condemnation: An Overview," Florida Bar
Eminent Domain Committee Annual Meeting, June
2004

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"Arboriculturist Liability and Valuation of Plant Life,"
International Society of Arboriculture, Florida Chapter,
May 2004

"Orders of Taking and Related Issues," Florida Bar
Eminent Domain Committee, Continuing Legal
Education, January 2002

"When Does Private Gain Become More Than
Incidental?" Association of Eminent Domain
Professionals, February 2001

"Introduction to Eminent Domain," Florida Legal
Assistants, Inc., May 2000

"High Tech in the Valuation Practice: The Internet and
Other Tools," National Association of Certified Valuation
Analysis, 1998

"Land Use Planning and Zoning In Florida: An Overview,
" The Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law
Section Treatise, 2008-present

"Land Use 101: Practical Considerations and Ideas for
Handling a Quasi-Judicial Hearing," Lis Pendens, Vol. 8,
Issue 1, Spring 2006

"U.S. Supreme Court Kelo v. City of New London
Decision Should Keep Us on Our Toes," Treasure Coast
Business Journal, July 2005

CIVIC & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Palm Beach North Athletic Foundation, 2018-present

Board, 2019-present

Advisory Committee, 2018

Business Development Board of Palm Beach County

Executive Committee, 2019-present

Director, 2016-17

Chair, 2013-present

Shovel Ready Committee, 2011-present

Leadership Florida

Annual meeting, co-chair, 2017

Gulfstream Council 2013-16

Chair, 2014-15

Class XXX, 2011-12

Florida Elections Commission

Vice-chair, 2012-16

Commissioner, 2009-16

Jewish Federations of North America

Board of trustees, 2014-present

Emergency Committee chair, 2014-17

National Young Leadership Cabinet, 2007-13

Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County

Executive Committee, 2019-present

Board of directors, 2004-present

Business & Professions Division, 2004-present

Chair 2017-19

Jewish Community Relations Council, 2008-18

Young Leadership Division, 2000-07

Chair, 2004-06

Campaign chair, 2003-04

Leadership development chair, 2002-03

Economic Council of Palm Beach County

Economic Council PAC Treasurer, 2017

Six Pillars Committee, 2011-13

Citizens for Lower Taxes and a Stronger Economy (No
on 4 Campaign)

Palm Beach County co-chair, 2009-10

Law and Leadership Academy, Palm Beach Lakes

Community High School

Advisory board, 1997-2000