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Overview

Don Mastry joined the firm as a Shareholder in February 2006. He has represented business owners, professionals and executives for over 40 years in corporate, general business, zoning and real estate matters, as well as estate planning, life insurance, revocable trusts to avoid probate, wills, buy-sell agreements, and documentation and planning relative to closely held businesses. Prior to joining the firm, he was with Holland and Knight LLP.

Representative Matters

Don represents developers and landowners in zoning and permitting hearings before governmental bodies and administrative agencies. This includes acquisition of real estate for commercial, residential and mixed-use developments; negotiation of all related documents; and the preparation of project documentation, including covenants, conditions and restrictions, leases, and homeowner association and planned-unit documents.

Don practices in estate planning and probate matters, including the use of revocable and irrevocable trusts. A significant portion of his practice is related to planning for owners of closely held business interests, including the formation of entities; business succession planning; and the use of life insurance, buy-sell and other agreements for business owners and executives.

Honors and Distinctions

- Recipient, St. Pete Downtown Partnership, City Builder Award 2025
- Recipient, Leadership St. Pete Alumni Association, Legacy Award, 2025
- Recipient, Greater Tampa Bay Area Council, Boys Scouts of America Mary Evertz Distinguished Service Award, 2022
- Recipient, Dave Goodwin Excellence in Development Award by the City of St. Petersburg, FL, 2020
- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *The Best Lawyers in America,*Real Estate Law, 2009-2027
  - *Lawyer of the Year*, Real Estate Law, 2010, 2016, 2018, 2021, 2023
- *Florida Super Lawyers,* 2009-2013
- *Florida Trend's Legal Elite,*2006, 2007, 2011
- *Tampa Magazine's Top Lawyers List,* 2020, 2024-2026
- St. Petersburg Bar Foundation Heroes Among Us Award 2012

Professional Involvement

- American Bar Association, Tax Section
- The Florida Bar
  - Tax Section, Executive Council, past member
  - Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section
- St. Petersburg Bar Association
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- American Law Institute, Fellow

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Practice Areas

- Business Transactions
- Estate and Trust Planning
- Land Use and Government
- Private Client Services
- Real Estate and Lending Transactions
- Tax

Education

- LL.M., Taxation, New York University School of Law, 1969
- J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 1965
- B.S.B.A., Accounting, University of Florida, 1962

Admissions

Florida

Community Involvement

- Tampa Bay Research Institute, Inc.
  - Board of Directors, 2011-present
- Leadership St. Petersburg, Inaugural Class
- Leadership St. Petersburg Alumni Association
- All Children's Health System, Inc.
  - Past Trustee and Chair
- All Children's Hospital
  - Past Trustee and Chair
- ShorecrestPreparatory School
  - Past Trustee and Vice Chair
- St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce
  - Board of Governors, past member
- St. Petersburg Yacht Club
  - Past Commodore
- St. Petersburg Downtown Partnership, Inc., past member
- Rotary Club of St. Petersburg, past member
- Suncoasters, past member

Thought Leadership

Don has lectured at taxation seminars sponsored by the Tax Section of The Florida Bar. He also has lectured on estate planning and is a member of the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar. Don has also written articles for the American Bar Journal and Florida Continuing Legal Education publications.

- "Development plans change for 93-acre Gandy site,"*Catalyst*, October 2023
- "Trenam's Don Mastry reflects on a half-century of development in St. Pete," *Catalyst*, January 2021
- "Rob Stern and Don Mastry Discusses Opportunity Zones in Trump's Tax Plan ," *Tampa Bay Times,* April 2019