

Chris Carmody

*Shareholder, Gray Robinson
Representing City of Orlando*



Experience

Chris earned his certification as a Designated Professional Lobbyist from the Florida Association of Professional Lobbyists and is an attorney admitted to practice in all Florida state courts. He has substantial experience handling government relations matters, including representation before the Florida legislative and executive branches, purchasing and procurement appeals, and professional licensing. Chris's clients range from small cities to Fortune 500 companies, and his experience runs the gamut of state-level needs and issues, from the passing of landmark legislation to proficiency on the appropriations process.

Chris also practices in litigation, land use, construction and sports law. His practice includes obtaining state and local government regulatory approvals as well as matters related to the acquisition, development and utilization of real property. He has represented contractors, engineers, architects, developers, owners, subcontractors, and suppliers in issues relating to land use and construction law. Chris provides legal work to the Central Florida Sports Commission and has handled numerous high-level sports matters at the legislative level, including tax exemptions, workers' compensation and other matters that affect sports franchises.

Areas of Practice

- Construction
- Government
- Government Relations & Lobbying
- Higher Education
- Land Use Law
- Litigation
- Restaurant

Background

Chris was born and raised in Orlando, Florida. He graduated from Bishop Moore Catholic High School in 1998. Four years later, he received his undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Florida, with a minor in human nutrition. While at UF, Chris was active in student government activities and regularly attended both football and basketball games.

In 2005, Chris graduated from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. During law school, Chris interned at the Florida Supreme Court for The Honorable Raoul G. Cantero. He also researched under Dean Jon Mills in the Center for Governmental Responsibility. He was a member of the Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court Board and in his final semester served as president.



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Education

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **University of Florida, B.A. (2002)**
 - Senate President, Student Government
 - Florida Blue Key
 - Hall of Fame
 - Phi Beta Kappa
- **University of Florida Levin College of Law, J.D. (2005)**
 - Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court Board
 - President
 - Regional Champion, Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition
 - Vice President, Florida Blue Key
 - Intern, Honorable Raoul G. Cantero, Florida Supreme Court
 - Research Assistant, Center for Governmental Responsibility
 - Order of the Barristers
 - Chair, Class Gift Committee

Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit

Professional Associations & Memberships

- The Florida Bar
- Judicial Nominating Commission, 9th Judicial Circuit, 2013-2016, 2016-2019
 - Chair, 2016-2017
- Orange County Bar Association
- Inns of Court
- Florida Association of Professional Lobbyists, Designated Professional Lobbyist

Awards & Recognitions

- Insight 100: Central Florida's Most Powerful, *East Orlando Post*, 2016
- University of Florida Alumni Association "Leader of the Year," 2012-2013
- Florida *Super Lawyers*, "Rising Star," 2009-2016
- Central Florida 100, *Orlando Sentinel*, 2015
- *Orlando Business Journal's* "40 Under 40," 2010, 2014
- *Florida Trend*, Legal Elite, 2015-2016
 - Up and Comer, 2011-2013
- Eagle Scout Award, Troop 76, Orlando, Florida

Civic

- Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, 2013-present
- Seminole County Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, 2013-present
- Central Florida Gator Club, President, 2012-present



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- City of Orlando, Certification Board, 2012-present
- IDignity, Board Member
- Frederick Leadership Initiative, Co-Chair
- Junior Achievement Professional Connection, Classroom Teacher
- Tiger Bay, Board Member, President
- Business Force, Board Member
- University of Florida Law Alumni Council, Member
 - Regional Vice President, 2014-present
- Connect Florida Leadership Institute, Class I
- College Leadership Florida, Class VII
- Orange County Young Republicans, Former President
- Central Florida Boy Scout Council, Vice Chair, Golden Eagle Dinner
- Central Florida Partnership, Young Professionals Advisory Board, Co-Founder; Former Chair
- Leadership Seminole, Class 19
- Leadership Orlando, Class 73

