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Mr. Pelzer is Board Certified by The Florida Bar as a specialist in Appellate Law and is AV® rated by Martindale-Hubbell. He handles appeals on all substantive subject matters.

Matters handled by Mr. Pelzer include such diverse areas as:

- Administrative Law
- Ad Valorem Taxation
- Bankruptcy
- Banking
- Bond Validations
- Constitutional Law
- Construction
- Contracts
- Death Penalty Habeas Corpus
- Domestic Relations
- ERISA
- Land Use
- Patent
- Personal Injury
- Probate
- Real Estate Title

He is not only responsible for appeals generated from within the Firm's broad-based litigation department, but also accepts appeals as well as pre- and post-trial appellate consultation from outside the Firm. Strict client protection is provided for referring counsel. Mr. Pelzer's membership on the Appellate Rules Committee of The Florida Bar, along with his experience as a trial lawyer, provide him with a clear perspective on the unique nature of appellate practice, and the pitfalls it may present.

In addition to appellate practice, Mr. Pelzer counsels and represents clients at all stages of ad valorem real and personal property tax challenges. This includes representation from the earliest pre-assessment negotiations, through administrative hearings, trials de novo and appellate review.

Mr. Pelzer is recognized in Florida Super Lawyers, 2006-2008, and Best Lawyers In America 2009.

Areas of Practice

- APPELLATE
- LITIGATION - CIVIL
 - Appellate
 - Commercial
 - Real Estate Tax Appeals

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, Tulane University School of Law, 1983
- B.A., *cum laude*, Stetson University, 1980

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal, First, Second, and Ninth Circuits
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

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Memberships

- Appellate Rules Committee of The Florida Bar, Past Chairman Appellate Practice Certification Committee

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