

# GOVERNMENT ENTITIES



## Government Entities Overview

With the number of laws, rules and regulations overseeing governmental activities consistently increasing and the need for specialized legal services to meet constituent demand rising, governmental entities at the local and state levels have turned to Jimerson Birr's Governmental Entities Industry Team to provide guidance specific to their particular needs. Our experienced and specialized team focuses on providing a wide range of legal services to governmental entities throughout the state of Florida.

We are able to serve as outsourced legal counsel to Florida's various departments and agencies, municipalities, counties, school districts, special districts and authorities, and individual government officials when a partner is needed to help serve the citizens in a legal and ethical way. We endeavor to provide solutions to their challenges related to all aspects of organization, governance, management, and provision of services. Our team's experience extends to general and special counsel representation, including but not limited to, elections, riparian laws and property rights, bonding, land development and zoning, real estate purchases, sales and leasing, construction, employment law, legal or regulatory compliance and enforcement, special investigations and ethics violations, conflicts of interest, complex litigation, premises liability, real property condemnation, environmental remediation, economic development, procurement and vendor contracting, legal opinions, legislative drafting, government relations, and intergovernmental contracting.

## WHO WE SERVE

- › Municipalities and Counties
- › State Departments and Agencies
- › School Boards and Districts
- › Special Districts
- › Government Officials

## WHAT WE DO FOR THE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES INDUSTRY

Jimerson Birr recognizes that entities in the complex and fast-paced governmental sector depend on sound counsel for mission-critical operational, legal and regulatory issues. We are committed to the goal of helping governmental entities mitigate risk and prevent problems before they arise or escalate.

- › We stay fully apprised of changes to governmental laws and industry trends in order to proactively keep our clients informed through our educational efforts and industry wide training initiatives.
- › We draft and interpret documents in a manner that will make the language more understandable, address the primary risks of your particular organization, and bring the documents into compliance with changes in law or trends in the industry.
- › Our dedication to efficient and cost-conscious practice of law, in conjunction with innovative and flexible compensation terms, enable us to help governmental entities effectively plan and maintain their budgets without surprise.
- › We have the resources and bandwidth to address legal issues which may occur in the everyday management and operation of the business.

Our Governmental Entities Industry Attorneys cover all aspects of a company's legal needs, with specialty service offerings centered around:

- › Florida Sunshine and Public Records Law Compliance and Litigation
- › Civil Infractions and Ordinance Enforcement
- › Opinions on Municipal Property Taxes, Assessments and Fees
- › Ordinance and Code Drafting
- › Bond Financing
- › Municipal and County Contracting Disputes
- › Florida Election Law
- › Public Employee Disputes
- › Public-Private Partnerships
- › Land Use and Zoning

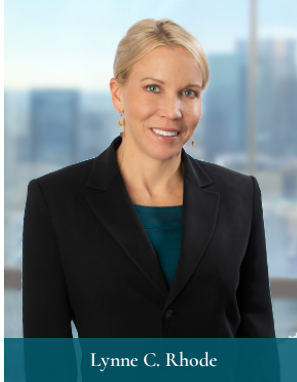
More than just Governmental Entities Industry Law specialists, Jimerson Birr has a team of attorneys with experience and expertise in every legal issue you may encounter, including:

- > Appeals
- > Administrative Law and Licensing
- > Arbitration & Mediation
- > Bankruptcy and Restructuring
- > Business Litigation
- > Business Process Consulting
- > Data Privacy and Cybersecurity
- > Disaster and Crisis Preparation and Response
- > Employment Law
- > Executive Coaching
- > Landlord/Tenant Leasing (Commercial)
- > Land Use and Zoning
- > Legal Opinions
- > Real Estate Transactions & Disputes
- > Records Management and Document Retention
- > Subpoena Response
- > Vendor Contracting

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