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Practice Areas

- Administrative Law
- Education
- Environmental Law
- Financial Services
- Labor and Employment Law
- Money Services Business Law
- Professional Audits
- Professional License Defense and Procurement
- Sales and Use Tax
- Real Estate Agent and Broker Licensing
- Law Enforcement certification disputes
- Private Investigator Licensing
- Disputes before the Department of Children and Families

Profile

Colin is a Martindale-Hubbell AV-Rated Pre-eminent lawyer who is Board Certified in Stated and Federal Government and Administrative Practice. He joined the law firm of Grossman, Furlow & Bayo LLC in January 2022 and was named the Managing Partner in January 2025, when the firm was renamed Grossman, Roopnarine & Bayo LLC.

With his extensive experience in administrative and regulatory law, professional licensing, rule promulgation and challenges, government affairs, labor and employment law, financial services licensing and law and health care law, Colin Roopnarine brings a wealth of knowledge to his role as Managing Partner at GRB Law Firm.

Colin's clients range from several labor unions (Teamsters, AFSCME, FEA) to one of the largest insurance companies in the United States, to professional licensees, including money service businesses, securities and mortgage brokers, public adjusters, construction, electrical contractors, underground contractors, architects, private investigators, home and private security companies and to issues involving licensed security companies, workers' compensation compliance, sales and use taxation issues before the Department of Revenue, and employment contract disputes and drafting.

Professional Experience

- Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Florida Bar 2023 – Present)
- Board of Legal Specialization & Education of The Florida Bar (2017-2023)
- Executive Council, Administrative Law Section of The Florida Bar
- Florida Government General Counsels' Association (2013-Present) (President 2015-2016)
- Board Certification in State and Federal Government and Administrative Practice (SFGAP) (2007-Present)
- SFGAP Board Certification Committee (2013-2017) (Chair 2016-2017)
- Administrative Law Section of The Florida Bar
- Member, Florida Bankers Association (FBA) (2016-2020)
- Tallahassee Bar Association – 2010-2011
- Labor and Employment Law Section of The Florida Bar – Long Range Planning Committee (2010-2011)
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- Administrative Law Section of The Florida Bar – CLE Committee (2012-Present)
- Second Judicial Circuit Professionalism Panel (2012-Present)
- Florida Trend, "Legal Elite" 2014 – 2018
- 850 Magazine, Recognition for Board Certification 2014

Publications

- [Growing Florida, “Hemp’s Future in Florida”](#) – February 18, 2019
- [Daily Business Review, “The State of Medical Marijuana Is at a Crossroads in Florida”](#) – January 31, 2019
- [Growing Florida, “Agency Intensive State – What That Means for Ag Labor”](#) – November 27, 2018
- [South Florida Legal Guide, “Florida’s Cannabis Law – First Cannabis Bank of Florida?”](#) – March 2, 2018
- [South Florida Legal Guide, “Florida’s Cannabis Law – Sessions Memorandum May Have Chilling Effect on Financial Institutions”](#) – January 31, 2018
- [South Florida Legal Guide, “Florida’s Cannabis Law – Lawsuits Generated by Amendment 2”](#) – January 7, 2018
- [South Florida Legal Guide, “Florida’s Cannabis Law – A Brief History”](#) – December 17, 2017
- [Daily Business Review, “The Road Less Traveled – Florida’s Medicinal Marijuana Journey”](#) – February 12, 2017
- [Growth Management Programs: A Comparison of Selected States](#) – December 31, 1999
- [Areas of Critical State Concern, Treatise on Florida Environmental and Land Use Law, REGfiles, Inc.](#) – December 31, 1999

Community

- Maclay High School Mock Trial Team Attorney Coach (2011-2016)
- Florida Elite Soccer Academy U15 Boys’ Premier Head Soccer Coach (2017-2021)
- Tallahassee Tottenham Hotspur Football Club Youth Soccer Coach (2016)
- Top of Florida Youth Soccer Coach (2015-2016)
- ASG/Warner Youth Soccer Coach (2015)
- Tallahassee Parks and Rec. Youth Soccer Coach (2012-2015) YMCA Youth Soccer Coach (2013)
- Capital Soccer Association Coach/Assistant Coach (2010-2012)
- Boy Scouts of America – Pack 109 Tiger Cub Leader (2011-2012) – Pack 112 Cub Scout Parent Assistant/Co-Den Leader (2012-2016)
- Rotary Club of Tallahassee (2015-2020)
- Salvation Army Bell Ringer (2015 and 2012)
- Shriners International (2009-2017)

In the news

- [Florida Trend, “Marijuana in Florida: This Bud’s for Us”](#) – September 24, 2019
- [South Florida Business Journal Quotes Colin Roopnarine in “Changes could be coming to Florida’s medical marijuana industry”](#) – July 28, 2019
- [Law360 quotes Colin Roopnarine in, “Setbacks Shake Up Fla.’s Medical Marijuana Rollout”](#) – August 16, 2018
- [South Florida Business Journal quotes Colin Roopnarine in, “Report pegs marijuana market at \\$53.3B — but obstacles remain”](#) – January 17, 2018
- [Seven Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2017 Edition of Florida Trend’s “Legal Elite”](#) – June 21, 2017
- [Law360 quotes Colin Roopnarine in, “Fla. Legislature Reaches Deal to Address Medical Marijuana”](#) – June 6, 2017
- [WFSU Public Media quotes Colin Roopnarine in, “Leaving Medical Marijuana Out Of Special Session Prompts Uncertainty”](#) – June 4, 2017
- [Law360 quotes Colin Roopnarine in, “Legislation Could Ease Litigation On Fla. Medical Pot Laws”](#) – May 15, 2017
- [Law360 mentions Colin Roopnarine on, “Fla. Legislature Faces Session Extension To Complete Budget”](#) – May 1, 2017

- [Jacksonville Business Journal quotes Colin Roopnarine on “Florida Department of Health tackles medical marijuana with proposed new rule”](#) – January 18, 2017
- [Orlando Business Journal quotes Colin Roopnarine on “Florida Department of Health tackles medical marijuana with proposed new rule”](#) – January 17, 2017
- [Law360 quotes Colin Roopnarine on “After Historic Vote, Fla. Drafts New Medical Pot Rules”](#) – January 16, 2017
- [Tampa Bay Times quotes Colin Roopnarine on “Health officials begin medical marijuana rules process”](#) – January 16, 2017
- [Tampa Bay Business Journal quotes Colin Roopnarine on “Florida medical marijuana delays possible, attorney says”](#) – January 12, 2017
- [WFSU interviews Colin Roopnarine on “Florida Might Face Physician Shortfall As Medical Marijuana Expands”](#) – January 5, 2017
- [Tallahassee Democrat quotes Colin Roopnarine on “Questions remain for businesses after passage of Amendment 2”](#) – November 9, 2016
- [Palm Beach Post quotes Colin Roopnarine on “Amendment 2 passes in landslide: What’s next for legal pot?”](#) – November 8, 2016
- [Berger Singerman Expands Government and Regulatory Team with Colin Mark Roopnarine, Former General Counsel at the Florida Office of Financial Regulation](#) – August 31, 2016

Events & Speaking Engagements

- “Brokering the Disputes: Evidentiary Issues in Administrative Hearings,” Pat Dore Conference (October 2021)
- Pat Dore Conference Speaker (2016)
- Moderator – “The Road Ahead – Advising Financial Institutions About Transacting With State-Legal Marijuana Businesses.” (July 2014)
- Moderator – “Tribal Ownership of a State-Chartered Bank With A Perspective On Tribal Sovereign Immunity” (June 2014)
- “Overview of Florida’s Office of Financial Regulation” – Florida Bar CLE (June 2014)
- “Management and Leadership Skills” – Florida Office of Financial Regulation (June 2014)
- “Pro Se Litigants, Difficult Lawyers and Uncooperative Witnesses” and “Pre-Trial Conferences and Stipulations” – Interactive Trial Skills at DOAH CLE (May 2014)
- “Business and Professional Etiquette” – Florida State University College of Law (Spring 2014)
- “Leadership Skills” – Florida Department of Financial Services’ Leadership Excellence Training Program (December 2013)
- “Statutory Interpretation and Constitutional Challenges” – Short Course in Administrative Litigation CLE (July 2013)
- “Expert Witnesses” – Florida Bar Webinar CLE (December 2012)
- “PERC Update” – 36th Annual Public Employment Labor Relations Forum (Co-Chair) (September 2010)
- “Investigatory Skills; DOAH Practice and Procedure” – Florida Department of Financial Services (2008)

Continuing Legal Education

- Organizer/Panelist “Interactive Trial Skills at DOAH” (May 2014)
- Organizer/Panelist “Short Course in Administrative Litigation” (July 2013)
- CLE Program Organizer/Director for DBPR
- CLE Webinar – “Deposing the Expert Witness” (December 2012 – Lecturer)
- Assistant Chair, Presenter and Lecturer for the 36th Annual Public Employment Relations Forum – “PERC Update” (2010)

Doing Business In Florida Blogs

- [The American Jobs Plan: Florida Transit and Transportation](#) – August 12, 2021
- [Client Alert: Medical Cannabis – Buyer Beware!](#) – August 11, 2021
- [Cryptocurrency, ATM's, and You](#) – August 9, 2021
- [CS/SB148 – Alcoholic Beverage Law Update](#) – May 17, 2021
- [Client Alert: "Having One for the Road" Takes on a New Meaning with CS/SB148](#) – March 15, 2021
- [More or Less, Unless More is MORE...the MORE Act, that is](#) – December 9, 2020
- [Why Hemp?](#) – June 9, 2019
- [Attorney General Nominee, William Barr, and Fixing Florida's Medical Marijuana Industry](#) – January 28, 2019
- [Let's Talk About Hemp](#) – December 19, 2018
- [Florida's Rejection of Chevron Deference](#) – December 18, 2018
- [The Fate of Florida Administrative Law in Light of the Passage of Amendment 6](#) – December 2, 2018
- [The Sun Shines Down on Florida – Alluring Yet Regulated](#) – January 24, 2018
- [The Week in Marijuana \(November 13-17, 2017\)](#) – November 20, 2017
- [Workers' Compensation Compliance \(Securing It and Consequences for Violation\) and, State Authority to Enforce](#) – September 17, 2017
- ["What Was That You Said...A Compliance Examination?"](#) – August 28, 2017
- [Rules](#) – July 30, 2017
- [Administrative Law in Florida](#) – July 11, 2017
- [The Week in Marijuana \(May 22-26, 2017\)](#) – May 29, 2017
- [Vlog: Cloud of Uncertainty Obscuring the Implementation of Medical Marijuana in Florida](#) – May 21, 2017
- [No Funding for Sessions in the War Against Medical Marijuana](#) – May 3, 2017
- [The Week in Marijuana \(April 24-28, 2017\): "Hippies and stoners?...this is about medicine"](#) – April 30, 2017
- [The Week in Marijuana \(April 17-21, 2017\)](#) – April 19, 2017
- [The Week in Medical Marijuana \(April 10-14, 2017\)](#) – April 16, 2017
- [Upcoming 'Sessions' in the State Legalized Marijuana and Financial Services Industry](#) – November 21, 2016
- [Time Is Running out – the Florida Family Trust Company Clock Is Counting Down](#) – November 7, 2016
- [Match or Clash? – Marijuana Related Businesses and Financial Institutions](#) – October 26, 2016
- [Court Ruling on CFPB](#) – October 16, 2016