

# Jennifer A. Winegardner

## Attorney

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## Experience

### **Managing Attorney, Winegardner Law**

Tallahassee, Florida – July 2017 to Present

Manage growing four-attorney firm, oversee brand development, marketing, and internal systems control. Offer legal services for real property and general business matters, serve as corporate counsel to community associations.

Appellate brief writing and trial support. Representative cases:

- **Canova v. The Election Canvassing Commission:** Election challenge filed under state statute seeking new election for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District in Broward County, Florida. (*pending*).
- **Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals:** Affirmed \$2.2M jury verdict on inverse condemnation and Fourth Amendment real property seizure claims, *Chmielewski v. City of St. Pete Beach*, 890 F.3d 942 (11th Cir. 2018)

### **President, CEO The Chase Firm, LLC**

Tallahassee, Florida – August 2015 – Present (Lead Researcher: January 2010 to August 2015)

Global investigatory, research, and due diligence for investors. Strict SEC compliance and rigorous in-depth diligence in every sector. Lead operations and strategic direction with full responsibility for business development, internal project process and flow.

### **Senior Attorney, The Chase Law Firm**

Tallahassee, Florida - January 2010 to December 2017

Commercial litigation, real property, and general business litigation. Federal Eleventh Circuit, Florida Supreme Court, and Florida District Court appeals. Representative cases:

- **Florida Supreme Court:** Lead attorney for national CAM, *The Florida Bar Re: Advisory Opinion vs. Activities of Community Association Managers*, Case No. SC 13-889.
- **Second District Court of Appeals:** Reversed trial court ruling on public records case, *Chmielewski v. City of St. Pete Beach*, Case No. 2D13-4923.
- **Middle District of Florida:** \$2.2M jury verdict on inverse condemnation and Fourth Amendment real property seizure claims, *Chmielewski v. City of St. Pete Beach*, Case No. 8:13-cv-3170-T-27MAP (M.D. Fla. Aug. 24, 2016)
- **Leon County:** \$20M Low Income Housing Tax Credit development deal for a major residential and commercial development in downtown Tallahassee.

### **Of Counsel, Broad and Cassel**

Tallahassee, Florida - September 2005 to January 2010; August 1997 to March 2000

Member of the commercial litigation, real estate, and appellate practice groups. Completed several condominium conversions and residential real estate closings. Represented both lender and borrower in foreclosure actions. Title defect litigation. Represented homeowner, condominium, and mobile home association in general corporate advisory and enforcement actions.

### **Career Staff Attorney, Florida Supreme Court**

Tallahassee, Florida - March 2000 to September 2005

Staff attorney to the Honorable Peggy A. Quince. Researched and wrote bench briefs for Justices in preparation for oral argument and conference related to civil, criminal, and capital death penalty matters. Drafted and edited court opinions. Prepared research memoranda. Supervised and managed interns. Conducted guided educational tours of the Court and coached mock oral arguments.

### **Associate Attorney, Lille Holderman**

Cleveland, Ohio – November 1994 – July 1997

Associate attorney assisting partners on both civil and criminal defense matters. Court appointed attorney representing juveniles in dependency and delinquency matters. Court appointed criminal defense attorney for indigent defendants for both misdemeanors and felonies. Tried more than six jury trials and won defense verdicts in first year of practice; filed several appeals and argued before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals; appeared before board of zoning appeals.

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### Bar Admissions

Florida State Bar (1998)  
Northern District of Florida (1998)  
Middle District of Florida (2015)

Ohio State Bar (1994) (Inactive)  
Northern District of Ohio (1994) (Inactive)  
Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals (2016)

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### Education

*Cleveland-Marshall College of Law*  
Cleveland, Ohio, J.D., May 1994  
Moot Court Board of Governors, 1993-94  
Executive Officer, 1993-94

*John Carroll University*  
Cleveland, Ohio, B.A. May 1991  
Major: English

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### Professional Development

- Editorial**      *Florida Bar Journal and News*  
Editorial Board, 2005-2011  
Committee Chair, 2010
- Publication**      *Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section*  
Pro Se Appellate Handbook Committee, Co-Author  
[http://prose.flabarappellate.org/pdf/Edit\\_ProSe\\_English\\_2016.pdf](http://prose.flabarappellate.org/pdf/Edit_ProSe_English_2016.pdf)
- Speaking**      2002 Florida Bar Annual Convention on behalf of the Florida Bar Journal and News Editorial Board  
“Writing with Verve, Zing, and Flare: or Why IRAC and KISS are Under-rated. A View from Behind the Bench”
- Teaching**      **Your HOA: A Workshop**, 2018 – On Demand  
Created and Taught State Certified Educational Course  
Authored Course Material, *Homeowners’ Association Handbook*
- Academy of Court Reporting, Paralegal Studies**, 1995-1997  
Taught various legal courses, including Business and Legal Writing, Estates and Trusts, and Torts
- Community**      Leadership Tallahassee, Class 36  
Downtown Babies and Kids, *Board of Directors*, 2006 – 2009
- Advancement**      *Penelope Trunk Writing Workshop*  
**How to Write About Your Life**  
December 2012
- Gotham Writers’ Workshop*  
**Memoir Writing II**  
July 2013 – September 2013
- Dani Shapiro Writer’s Workshop*  
**White Hart Retreat**  
February 2015