



BRENDA EZELL

Brenda Ezell, managing shareholder of the Ezell Law Firm, is board certified in Real Estate Law by The Florida Bar. Ms. Ezell acts as counsel to buyers and sellers, landlords and tenants, developers, lenders, borrowers, and agencies at all levels of government in various types of commercial real estate and regulatory transactions.

Ms. Ezell's areas of expertise include commercial real estate transactions such as purchase and sale, leasing, lending and title insurance, as well as regulatory matters such as zoning and land development, easements, covenants and restrictions, and corporate and business association law. She also has substantial experience with municipal and public finance transactions, low-income elderly and multifamily housing programs, and community redevelopment programs.

A *summa cum laude* graduate of Jacksonville University, Ms. Ezell earned her J.D. with honors from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. She is a member of several professional organizations, including the Jacksonville Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and The Florida Bar's Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, where she has served on the Executive Council in various capacities – including Chair of the Real Estate Leasing Committee and Chair and Co-Chair of the 2020 through 2023 Legislative and Caselaw Update Seminar Committee – since 2010. Most recently, she was appointed to the Section's Executive Committee, to serve as Co-Chair of the CLE Coordination Committee. By virtue of this appointment, Ms. Ezell will also serve concurrently as a representative on the Continuing Legal Education Committee for The Florida Bar.

Ms. Ezell is also active in the Jacksonville Area Real Estate Council, of which she is a board member and past president. She is a past president and current board member of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Jacksonville, the local affiliate of CREW Network, a global alliance of over 11,000 commercial

real estate professionals. At the national level, she is a former member of the CREW Network Finance Committee. Additionally, she is a member of the Bold City (FL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated and a director on the boards of ElderSource, Inc., Wise Owl, Inc., The Empowered Kitchen, Inc. and Growing Great Girls, Inc. She is a former member of the Board of Directors and Board of Governors for JAXChamber and a former chair and board member of OneJax.

For her community and professional service, Ms. Ezell has received numerous honors, including being selected to the inaugural Fellowship Class of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar in 2008. Named a Jacksonville Business Journal "Woman of Influence" in 2012, she was appointed a Florida Bar Leadership Academy Fellow for that organization's inaugural class in 2013, and she was named one of Jacksonville University's "80 Dolphins to Know" in 2018.

Ms. Ezell has been recognized repeatedly for excellence by her peers through Best Lawyers® and Super Lawyers® and was awarded The Florida Bar's RPPTL Section's Rising Star Award for 2018-19. In 2021, CREW Jacksonville presented her with the Beth M. Lipko Spirit Award, given annually to a member who consistently demonstrates a commitment to providing referrals, member recruitment, and committee and community involvement.

Married, with two adult children and a rescue dog, the Detroit native is a proud U.S. Army veteran. She enjoys travel, cooking and DIY home renovation, personal fitness, college and professional football, and collecting and raising tropical marine fish.

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