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**My goal is to help your organization navigate through the complexities of private and public sector business and political environments to develop strong collaborations to help you're organization meet its mission.**

My professional acumen has been accumulated over thirty-years of legal and business experience, including several years of county-wide elected service. Throughout my career, I established and built upon many strong, personal relationships with local, state, and federal officials and organizations and have earned the reputation as a collaborator and consensus builder. These efforts have resulted in significant capital projects and thoughtful long-term policies implemented for our community. I will apply this unique skill set to assist your organization in achieving its goals.

**EDUCATION:** University of Florida College of Law: Juris Doctorate - 1990.  
University of Florida - B.A. Political Science - 1987.  
Venice High School - 1983.

**PUBLIC SERVICE EXPERIENCE:**

Sarasota County Commissioner, 2012 – 2020. Chairman of Board– 2014 & 2017.

- Tourist Development Council - Chairman 2014-2020.
- West Coast Inland Navigation District 2013-2019 Member, Chairman 2014 and 2017. A four-county taxing district managing the intercoastal waterway.
- Florida Association of Counties Board of Directors: 2014-2016.  
FAC Advocacy Award Winner, 2016  
Certified County Commissioner, Advanced Leadership Graduate.
- Sarasota/Manatee County Metropolitan Planning Organization for Transportation. 2014 to 2016.
- Southwest Regional Planning Board Member. 2013-2020.
- Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County, Board of Directors. 2018-2020.
- Gulf Coast Consortium / Restore Act Board Member, (BP Oil Spill), 2014 -2019. Created a State-approved standup plan for the Gulf-coast counties for the allocation of the settlement funds.
- Charlotte Harbor Estuary Program Board Member. 2013-2016
- Sarasota Bay Estuary Program. Board Member. 2013-2016.
- Sarasota County Criminal Justice Commission Member. 2015-2018.

Some highlights of projects and policy matter while on the Sarasota County Commission:

- Negotiated a unique resolution of the CRA dispute between the City of Sarasota and Sarasota County.

- Negotiated a partnership and built the largest diverging diamond traffic interchange in the United States; FDOT, Sarasota County, Manatee County, and private developers.
- Negotiation team that effectuated the River Road swap between Sarasota County and FDOT.
- Negotiation team that brought the Atlanta Braves to Sarasota County, obtained State funding and built a \$125+ million stadium and complex.
- Advocated for and negotiated the passing of a tax increment financing distinct that secured a funding source for The Bay project.
- Negotiated a land deal with Mote Marine Laboratory to secure land for their Aquarium and State/Private funding.
- Negotiated and advocated for State, local and private funding to expand Nathan Benderson Park into a world-renowned rowing facility that was able to host a world rowing championship, along with building a permanent, multi-use, work-class finishing tower.
- Negotiated and advocated for Federal, State, and local funding and approval of the Dona Bay Watershed Restoration Project.
- Advocated for the approval of the County-wide referendum to extend the Legacy Trail to downtown Sarasota and into North Port.

### **LEGAL / BUSINESS ACTIVITIES:**

Charles D. Hines., Esq., Attorney at Law. Legal Representation & Expertise areas.

- In-House Counsel for a Large Family Business/Trust, 2005 –2009. Extensive commercial property and real estate transactions and management. Developing and leasing multiple properties and converting a large apartment complex to condominiums. Managing a sales team selling the units and the property management thereof. Purchase of and forming the of multiple corporations/LLC's for many business purposes, including but limited to, an interstate wholesale business, importing pottery from many foreign countries, including China, Mexico, and Vietnam, the retail sale of lawn and garden equipment, and products in multiple locations in Southwest, Florida.
- Extensive business law and litigation experience in contract matters, business disputes, land use, and probate/estate matters.
- Adjunct Professor at State College of Florida, 2017, teaching contract and tort law.
- The Boone Law Firm: Associate / Partner, Venice, FL, 1991 to 2003, business law, commercial and personal injury litigation practice.

- United Health Care Services, Inc. / DR Pharmacy, Inc. Co-Owner, 2003–2005 of a regional durable medical equipment company, providing medical home oxygen, respiratory inhalation drugs, and respiratory therapy in Southwest Florida.
- Legal Memberships: The Florida Bar Association, admitted to practice in all Florida Courts and in the Federal District Court for the Middle District of Florida. The Sarasota County Bar Association Member.

Other unique work experience:

- University of Florida Student Honor Court, Prosecutor 1989
- Alachua County School System-Teacher 1987-1988.
- Gainesville High School football coach 1984.
- University of Florida Student Traffic Court 1985.

### **COMMUNITY/LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES:**

- Sarasota County Sheriff Advisory Committee 2010-2012.
- Sarasota County Tax Oversight Committee.2011-2013.
- Leadership Sarasota Graduate: 1995 Distinguished Graduate award winner 2014.
- State College of Florida Foundation Board Member 2012- 2013.
- Sarasota Young Professionals, Inc., Co-Founder/President 1991-1994.
- Ringling Museum of Art Ungala Committee 1992-1994.
- City of Venice - Accessibility Advisory Committee 1992-1996.
- Venice Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors 1996-1998, Tallahassee Delegation: 1996 & 1997, Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman 1996-1997. Annual “Hob Nob” Chairman: 1994 & 1996. Shark’s Tooth Festival Executive Board 1997 & 1998.
- Sertoma Club of Venice Member 1991 present. Chairman of Board 1999–2000. President 1998–1999. Activities Director 1993-1994. Scholarship Chairman 1993-1995. Board of Directors 1993-1994 and 1996 -2000 and 2009-2011. Adopt-a-Highway Chairman 1994.
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters 1996 – 1997, Big Brother of the Year 1997.
- Venice Little League Board Member and Treasurer 2007 – 2009. Coach-Manager: multiple years.
- YMCA; baseball and soccer coach multiple years.
- Life Loyal Member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

### **PERSONAL**

#### **INFORMATION:**

Married to Susan Hines, Esq., Partner/Owner with Sabal Trust company. 3 adult children. \*\* Older dates are to the best of my recollection.