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BY E-MAIL

William J. Dryburgh

Re: Charlotte County Charter Review Counsel

Dear Mr. Dryburgh:

Please accept this letter and accompanying resume as an expression of my interest in seeking appointment as legal counsel and advisor to the Charlotte County Charter Review Commission. I am Board Certified in City, County and Local Government Law and previously served six years in the Charlotte County Attorney's Office. I currently work in the governmental practice group of the law firm of Gray Robinson, P.A. and represent a number of local government entities in Southwest Florida and have served as legal counsel to charter review commissions in neighboring jurisdictions. As a resident of Charlotte County with prior experience in the County Attorney's Office I believe my familiarity with the County, its Charter, the membership of the Charter Review Commission, and the political landscape of Charlotte County uniquely qualifies me for such an appointment. My proposed government rate for such work is \$225 per hour but I would consider an alternate fee arrangement commensurate with the Commission's projected scope. In summary, I believe I am an excellent candidate to serve as your counsel during the review process and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

GrayRobinson, P.A.

/s/ Derek P. Rooney

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Enclosure



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Experience

Derek Rooney practices in the areas of land use and local government law and is a Board Certified Attorney in City, County & Local Government law. Derek represents private and government clients on questions of general municipal law, land use and public-private partnerships.

Derek currently serves as Town Attorney for the Town of Fort Myers Beach; as counsel to the Charlotte County Industrial Development Authority, the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida; and as special counsel to a number of other local government entities. He previously served as an Assistant County Attorney in the Charlotte County Attorney's Office, where he had a multi-disciplinary practice involving land use, real estate and land development, environmental law, municipal finance and economic development.

While he has represented clients throughout the state, Derek focuses on the needs of Southwest Florida and primarily practices in Charlotte, Collier, Desoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota counties. As a litigator, Derek concentrates on prosecuting and defending land use decisions before Florida courts, the Division of Administrative Hearings and a variety of state and local bodies. He also has extensive experience with claims under the Bert J. Harris, Jr., Private Property Rights Protection Act.

Areas of Practice

- Government
- Land Use Law
- Senior Housing

Background

Derek is originally from Fort Lauderdale but grew up in Deland, Florida. He has lived in Punta Gorda with his wife and son since 2007 after returning to Florida from Washington, D.C.

Education

- Florida International University, B.A., (2002)
- American University, Washington College of Law, J.D. (2006)

Admissions

- Florida
- District of Columbia

Professional Associations & Memberships

- The Florida Bar
 - Board Certified in City, County & Local Government Law
 - City, County and Local Government Law Section
 - Environmental and Land Use Law Section
- Florida Municipal Attorneys Association, Member

Presentations & Seminars

- "Understanding Riparian and Water Rights", Determining Land Ownership and Access Rights Seminar, HalfMoon Education, Inc., Fort Meyers, Florida, June 12, 2015
- "Who Participates in a Land Use Hearing", the Promise Lands of the American Planning Association (APA)'s Land Use Symposium, Port Charlotte, Florida, May 8, 2015

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- Tiger Bay Club of Southwest Florida
- Charlotte County Law Library, Board of Trustees.

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