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Education:

Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law – Juris Doctor
University of Florida – Bachelor of Arts
Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Class IV

Profession and Interests:

Ms. English's family farms citrus and cattle and leases land for vegetable production in Lee, Hendry and Collier Counties in Southwest Florida. The Lee County farm has been in the family since the 1870's and currently produces citrus and cattle. The remaining lands in Hendry and Collier Counties produce citrus and cattle and small vegetables. She continues to work for the family farming operations.

She joined Pavese Law Firm in 1994 and became a partner in the firm in 2000. Her practice concentrates on agriculture, environmental and land use law with an emphasis on seeking and maintaining entitlements for larger properties. She has particular experience in surface water management, water quality, water use and private property rights.

Service:

American Farm Bureau Federation Water Issue Advisory Committee, Chair
Florida Farm Bureau Federation Water and Natural Resources Advisory Committee: member
University of Florida Leadership and Education Foundation Board of Directors: past chair
Redlands Christian Migrant Association Board of Directors
United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee Counties: Board member; Building Committee, Chair; Hendry County Allocations Committee, Chair
SHARE Council for the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences: Membership Committee Chair

Experience

Ms. English's experience includes federal environmental permitting and compliance relative to the Clean Water Act, the Food Security Act and the Endangered Species Act. During her legal career, she has practiced before the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the South Florida Water Management District, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, United States Department of Agriculture, United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Ms. English has extensive agricultural experience. Before entering law school, she worked as field representative for a citrus grower's cooperative in South and Southwest Florida responsible for interacting with several thousand grower members. She volunteers her time and knowledge to agricultural organizations on land use and environmental law matters. She works with her family on production and compliance issues.