

Mark Miller

Pacific Legal Foundation, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Director of Environmental and Natural Resources Practice Group, July 2025-present; *Senior Attorney*, July 2023-June 2025; *Managing/Senior Attorney*, March 2014-October 2020.

- Oversee PLF's nationwide legal strategy to restore constitutional limits on environmental regulation, defend property owners and land users, and advance a principled vision of human flourishing, abundance, and land stewardship;
- Lead counsel or second chair counsel for two unanimous PLF SCOTUS wins: *Weyerhaeuser v. US FWS* (2018) and *US Army Corps of Engineers v. Hawkes Co.* (2016).
- Serve as lead attorney for organization on cases at every level of state and federal system;
- Led PLF's Housing Production Team, which combines scholarship, strategic research, legislative policy work, and the world's best litigation team with a mission of persuading American policy leaders and average citizens that the way to solve the housing crisis is to cut back land use regulation, free the free market, and protect property rights;
- Managed, from 2014-2018, the Florida office. The team members in that office when I took over all became internal leaders in their respective fields (and for most part continue to lead within PLF);
- Serve as key employee on various ad hoc, meaningful project teams that cut across departments and require people skills more than legal or policy skills.
- Serve as internal PLF *Leadership Effectiveness Trainer*, certified by Gordon International to offer this training that teaches skills in how to resolve professional and personal conflict. One of three lawyers to fill this role for PLF. Also certified to offer this training to the public.

Office of South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem, Pierre, South Dakota.

Chief of Staff (2021-2023), *General Counsel (October 2020-22)*.

Chief of Staff Job Functions:

- Chief Operating Officer
 - Managed day-to-day operations of all state agencies, ensuring all agencies were serving the people of the state both effectively and efficiently;
 - Supervised all cabinet secretaries and commissioners to ensure work of government served the people consistent with the Governor's first principles & honored the will of the people.
 - Ran the Governor's Executive Team as her Chief of Staff for two years.
- Chief Strategist
 - Evaluated long and short-term decisions and determined their lasting effects;
 - Provided guidance on vision; protected the governor's message and brand;
 - Oversaw development and implementation of Governor's policy agenda and vision;
- Team Builder
 - Ensured the governor's staff knew the following: their job objectives, extent of their authority, expected results, to whom they reported, and areas of accountability.
 - Motivated a team of leaders to represent the best Governor and state in the nation.

- Crisis Coordinator
 - Established clearly defined roles and responsibilities for the governor, self, communications director, and for other key staff during an emergency or disaster;
 - Made certain key cabinet officials had the expertise, staffing, and other resources necessary to respond to a crisis.
- Other roles include: Gubernatorial Proxy, Broker with Legislators, Gatekeeper, Headhunter, Personal Confidant; Primary and sole trusted liaison to national political team advising governor.

General Counsel Job Functions:

- Serve on Governor's Executive Team, collaborate on major decisions, and apprise team of current legal issues;
- Develop and inform, along with other executive team members, the Governor's practical and legal response to COVID-19 crisis. This effort required coordinating with private health systems, state Health Department, and other state and local officials in managing response to a once-in-a-century pandemic;
- Manage outside litigation teams on important federal and state constitutional and statutory legal issues;
- Supervise all agency legal work to ensure its consistent with policy positions of the Governor; and
- Lobby/testify on bills either supported or opposed by the Governor/Executive Branch.

Kristi Noem for Governor, Pierre, South Dakota.

Campaign Advisor/Volunteer, May - November 2022.

- Served as key advisor on: messaging; how to respond to attacks; personnel; and debate prep.
- Worked closely with campaign manager and strategists on all parts of Governor's re-election campaign; Governor won re-election with record-breaking vote total by a margin of 62-35.

Appellate Law Office of Mark Miller, P.A., Stuart, Florida.

Solo Practitioner, 2010-14. Manage boutique law firm.

Gary, Williams, Finney, Lewis, Watson & Sperando, P.L., Stuart, Florida.

Chair, Appellate Litigation Department, 2009-10; Associate, 2004-09.

The Honorable Henry Lee Adams, Jr., U.S. District Court, Jacksonville, Florida.

Judicial Law Clerk (Federal Court), 2002-04.

The Honorable Emerson Thompson, Jr., Fifth District Court of Appeal, Daytona, Florida.

Judicial Law Clerk (State Court), 1999-02.

Judicial Staff Attorneys' Office for the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Jacksonville, Florida.

Judicial Staff Attorney (State Court), 1998-99.

Public Defender's Office for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Ocala, Florida.

Assistant Public Defender (State Court), 1996-97.

Professional Recognition

Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating (2013-current).
Florida Bar Board-Certified Attorney in Appellate Practice (2014-24).
Florida Trend's Florida Legal Elite selection (2017).
The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award (2017).

Leadership

Florida Commission on Human Relations, Chairman and Commissioner (2025-2029).

- Appointed by Governor Ron Desantis to four-year term, Oct. 2025, Senate-confirmed Feb. 2026.
- Elected Chairman of Commission by my fellow Commissioners, Nov. 2025.
- Preside over enforcement of Florida's anti-discrimination laws with a focus on individual rights, fairness, and equal opportunity, not ideology or progressive activism.

Florida Nineteenth Circuit, Judicial Nominating Commission, Commissioner (2025-27).

- Appointed by Governor Ron Desantis to two-year term; Commission nominates candidates for appointment to state trial court bench.

Farm of the Child USA, Member, Board of Directors (2024-26).

- Serve on Board of Directors for Catholic, non-profit organization that supports Finca Del Nino-Honduras, a Honduran non-profit that primarily serves as a home for anywhere from 20-50 children, ranging from age 2 to 18. The children are abandoned or otherwise victimized and are referred to us by the Honduran equivalent of state Child Protective Services.

South Dakota Department of Education Social Studies Standards Commission, Chairman (2021-2023).

- Spearheaded overhaul of state's K-12 social studies standards;
- Organized commission, selected members, ran meetings, and oversaw effort from soup to nuts.
- Oversee statewide implementation of revised social studies standards;

Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal, Commissioner, Judicial Nominating Commission (2018-22).

- Appointed by Governor Rick Scott to four-year term; Commission nominates candidates for appointment to state appellate court bench.

Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc., Member, Board of Directors (2016-18).

- Appointed by Florida Bar Board of Governors to board for 55-employee, seven office non-profit that serves legal needs of the poor in South Florida.

Martin County Bar Association, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Sec'y, Past President (2013-18).

- Lead 500-member voluntary bar association; manage finances, organize activities, grow membership, & act as public face for the bar in our community.

Education

University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN: Executive Master of Non-Profit Administration (expected Aug 2026).

University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville, FL: Juris Doctor with Honors (May 1996).

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL: Bachelor of Arts with Honors (May 1993); English Maj, Sec. Ed. Minor.