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Personal Statement

I am a native of Southwest Florida and my family has farmed here for more than 140 years. I am committed to the protection of private property rights and supporting the people who produce food and fiber while protecting the natural resources of the State of Florida through wise land management.

Professional and Business Experience

Pavese Law Firm 1993-2023, Partner since 2000

My practice concentrates on agricultural, environmental, and land use law with an emphasis on seeking and maintaining entitlements to enhance property value and productivity. My work supports farms and land development companies before state and federal agencies in seeking and maintaining environmental permits for water supply, water management and environmental compliance and before local governments in Southwest Florida seeking land use and development authorizations.

Alico, Inc. Member of the Board of Directors 2020-2023

Alico is an agribusiness company with a legacy of achievement and innovation in citrus and conservation. The Company owns approximately 69,000 acres of land across eight Florida counties. The current principal lines of business are citrus groves and land conservation/leasing. Alico is one of the largest Citrus growers in the U.S. and the company's common stock trades on the NASDAQ stock exchange under the symbol ALCO.

Nominating and Governance Committee, Chair; Sustainability and Corporate Responsibility Committee; Compensation Committee

English Family Limited Partnership - Limited Partner since 1999

The English Family farms its property on the banks of the Caloosahatchee River in Alva, Florida, and has since the 19th century. A portion of the property was obtained by patent from the United States of America under the Homestead Act before 1900.

Florida Citrus Mutual 1988 to 1991

Field Representative for the largest citrus cooperative in the State of Florida, serving an eight-county area with 2,000 grower members.

Education

Walter F. George College of Law at Mercer University, Juris Doctor
University of Florida, Bachelor of Arts
University of Florida Wedgworth Leadership Institute Class IV

Bar and Professional Association Memberships

Florida Bar, admitted to practice in 1994
Lee County Bar Association 1994 to present
Wedgworth Leadership Institute Alumni Association
Florida Farm Bureau

Public Service

Florida Commission on the Status of Women Commissioner 2023

Avocations and Interests

American Farm Bureau Federation

National Issue Advisory Committee Service:
Environmental Regulations, Founding Member 2015.
Water and Water Quality 2016-2019, Founding Chair 2016-2017

Florida Farm Bureau Federation

Water and Natural Resources Advisory Committee, 2013 to present, Chair 2018-2022
Oversight Committee, 2019-2022

University of Florida

UF/IFAS Advancement Council (formerly known as SHARE Council)

The UF/IFAS Advancement Council is a group of volunteers committed to the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and identifying, cultivating and securing sources of private support for the teaching, research and extension missions related to agriculture and natural resources administered through UF/IFAS.

2009 to present: Chair: 2017-2020, Membership Committee Chair 2014-2017, Bylaws Committee Chair, 2015-2016

Directed local campaign to generate private funds needed to construct a \$600,000 graduate student dormitory at UF/IFAS Southwest Florida Research and Education Center 2018-2019. Groundbreaking September 23, 2019.

Wedgworth Leadership Institute Advisory Committee 2018 to 2022: Chair 2020 -2022

Wedgworth Leadership Institute Advisory Committee provides support and advice for the director of the Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources, a nationally recognized leadership training program housed at UF/IFAS. As chair, provided advice and oversight for Wedgworth Leadership Institute's executive director and class programming through the Covid Pandemic for Class XI.

University of Florida Leadership and Education Foundation 2012-2017, President 2016-2017

UFLEF is a Direct Support Organization of the University of Florida, tasked with furthering the teaching, research and extension missions of the University of Florida in agriculture, natural resources, and related activities.

South Florida Ag Council 2013- present

Member of a group of agricultural producers in Southwest Florida who work together to address issues of concern to farmers and ranchers there.

Coordinated grassroots campaign over three legislative sessions to successfully obtain \$7.1 million in legislative budget requests funding the expansion of University of Florida/IFAS Southwest Florida Research and Education Center facilities and adding five new scientists, Ph.D. level there. Groundbreaking May 21, 2015.

The Water School at Florida Gulf Coast University Advisory Committee April 2021-present

FGCU launched The Water School on March 22, 2019, to address water and climate related issues unique to Southwest Florida. The Advisory Committee assists The Water School in building its relationships within the University and with the community to assure Southwest Florida has the resources and relationships needed to effectively address water issues.

United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee Counties Board of Directors 2001-2023

Hendry Glades Allocation, Chair 2001-2010

Hendry Glades Campaign Chair 2002-2003

Building Committee, Chair – obtained authorizations to construct new offices for United Way in Harlem Heights. Groundbreaking 2008.

Redlands Christian Migrant Association Board of Directors 2011-2018

RCMA provides quality childcare and early education for children of migrant farm workers and rural, low-income families throughout Florida. The largest non-profit child-care provider in Florida, RCMA is a leader in high-quality early childhood services.

Teaching and Speaking

United States Chamber of Commerce WOTUS Roundtable Hybrid Discussion, July 21, 2022

EPA WOTUS Southeast Regional Roundtable, hosted by North Carolina Farm Bureau, June 23, 2022

7th UF Water Institute Symposium, “Public Perception of Agriculture in the Context of Best Management Practices and Harmful Algal Blooms” February 25 and 26, 2020

Florida Fertilizer and Agrichemical Association Winter Business Meeting, BMP Compliance, January 17, 2020

University of Florida College of Law, Agricultural Law Class – Local, State and Federal Agricultural Conservation Easement Program, Advantages and Traps for the Unwary, 2003 to 2020.

United States House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry on the impacts of Environmental Regulations and Voluntary Conservation Solutions for farmers behalf of Florida Farm Bureau Federation and American Farm Bureau Federation, May 17, 2016.

Florida Council of Co-operatives, Advanced Board Member Training 2006-2011