



Tamela Eady is a Florida Bar Board Certified Real Estate attorney. She has practiced law in Southwest Florida for 32 years with an emphasis on community association law, including condominium and homeowners' associations. In 2018, she became a member of the inaugural class of Florida attorneys board certified by the Florida Bar in Condominium and Planned Development Law. Only 21 attorneys statewide have been initially dual board certified in both real estate and condominium and planned development law.

Tamela is a graduate of Tulane University and the University of Florida College of Law. She is also a graduate of Harvard Law School's advanced programs on negotiation and mediation.

Tamela's practice includes the representation of commercial and residential real estate buyers and sellers, developers, builders, community associations, and property owners. She also has extensive real estate title experience, having served as a senior commercial title underwriting counsel for Attorneys' Title Fund Services, LLC (Old Republic).

Tamela was the author for many years of a weekly Sunday feature column for the *Sarasota Herald Tribune* which provided general legal guidance for community association boards, managers, and residents. Prior to that, she authored a similar column for the *Naples Daily News*. She is also a frequent speaker and lecturer on community association law topics and has served as an expert witness for parties in complex real estate litigation.

She has continuously served on the Florida Bar's Condominium and Planned Development Committee since 1988, helping to draft and make recommendations to the Florida Legislature

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After practicing in Naples for many years, Tamela has established a practice based in Sarasota. She is also available by appointment in Collier and Lee counties, without charge for travel time.

Tamela's firm also serves as of counsel to the West Palm Beach law firm of Gelfand & Arpe, P.A. whose founding partner, Michael Gelfand, is a leader and recognized expert in the field of community association law.

Tamela is a graduate of Leadership Florida, Leadership Collier, and Leadership Sarasota. She served for six years on the Naples City Council, the last two years as Vice-Mayor. She is the past chairman of the City of Naples Design Review Committee for downtown Naples and is a former board member of the Naples Players, Hospice of Naples (now Avow), and Sarasota's Out of Door Academy.