

RICHARD GROSSO BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Richard Grosso is a lawyer and a Law Professor at the Shepard Broad College of Law at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where he teaches in the areas of environmental, energy, land use, appellate practice and federal and state constitutional law. Professor Grosso is a widely recognized legal expert, practicing lawyer and policy advocate, with 30 years of experience litigating and advocating on state-wide and south Florida environmental issues. His teaching and legal practice specializes in land use, growth management and environmental policy and permitting issues.

Professor Grosso is the former Executive Director and General Counsel of the Everglades Law Center, Inc., (ELC) a public interest law firm which represents citizens and environmental interests in environmental and land use matters concerning the Florida Everglades, Florida Keys and the south Florida ecosystem in general. He is also a former Legal Director for 1000 Friends of Florida, and attorney for the Florida departments of Community Affairs and Environmental Regulation. Over a 30 – year litigation and appellate career, he represented numerous public interest clients and the state of Florida in federal and state administrative and judicial proceedings. He frequently appears before local governments, state and federal agencies, and other bodies concerning land use and environmental issues.

Mr. Grosso has successfully litigated a number of significant and precedent setting cases, including:

- 1000 Friends of Florida v. Palm Beach County, which strictly enforced the Palm Beach County land use plan, and protected the Everglades Agricultural area from wide-spread limerock mining, thus preserving its environmental restoration potential;
- Fla. Wildlife Fed. & Sierra Club v. US Army Corp of Engineers, which halted construction of the Scripps Research Institute on the fringe of the Everglades in western Palm Beach County and resulted in the relocation of the project to an urban infill area.
- Pinecrest Lakes v. Shidel, where demolition of buildings built in violation of a local comprehensive plan was ordered by the courts;
- 1000 Friends of Florida v. Monroe County, the precedent - setting case on the issue of carrying-capacity - based planning;
- Sierra Club, et al v. Miami-Dade County, which overturned the state approval for a commercial airport at the former Homestead Air Force Base, and
- Poulos v. Martin County, which guaranteed citizens the right to a de novo trial in plan consistency challenges.
- McKay v. DER and Namon v. DER, which rejected inverse condemnation claims and strengthened the state of Florida's ability to protect wetlands on private property;
- DCA v. Withlacoochie Regional Planning Council, which upheld the state's authority to require Regional Policy Plans to be consistent with the State Comprehensive Plan;
- Homebuilders and Contractors v. Dept. of Community Affairs, which upheld the state's ability to discourage urban sprawl through the state land use planning process.

Professor Grosso also co-authored an influential amicus curie brief in the ground-breaking case of Brevard County v. Snyder, Florida's leading land use law case.

Among Professor Grosso's notable publications are:

- *Planning and Permitting to Reduce and Respond to Global Warming and Sea Level Rise in Florida*, J. Land Use & Env. Law., Vol 30, No. 2, 201 (Spring 2015)
- *Planning and Permitting to Reduce and Respond to Global Warming and Sea level Rise*, 6 J. Animal and Environmental L. 41 (2015),
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0gcImiUSq5ETlVZSW1melFzcm8/view?pref=2&pli=1>
- *Regulating for Sustainability: The Legality of Carrying Capacity – Based Environmental and Land Use Permitting Decisions*, 35 Nova L. Rev. 711 (Summer 2011)
- *The Public Interest Perspective on SB 360*, FLA. BAR JOURNAL, Oct. 2009, at 24.
- Richard Grosso & Jason Totoiu, *Planning and Permitting to Protect Wetlands: The Different Roles and Powers of State and Local Government*, FLA. BAR JOURNAL, Apr. 2010, at 39.
- *Old McDonald Still Has a Farm: Agricultural Property Rights After the Veto of S.B. 1712*, Fla. Bar. J. March, 2005, Volume 79, No. 3 (co-author with Robert Hartsell)
- *Florida's Growth Management Act: How Far We Have Come, and How Far We Have Yet to Go*, 20 NOVA L. REV. 589 (1996).
- *Looking for the Middle Ground in Snyder*, 15 ENVTL. & LAND USE LAW SEC. REP. (1993).
- Richard J. Grosso & David J. Russ, *Takings Law in Florida: Ramifications of Takings Clauses*, 8 J. LAND USE & ENVTL. L. 431, 485 (1993).

Professor Grosso speaks and lectures extensively throughout the state of Florida and has spoken at numerous conferences, seminars and workshops sponsored by the Florida Bar Association, the Southeast Association of Law Schools, the South Florida Regional Planning Council, the Florida League of Cities, the Broward County Consumer Protection Board, the University of Miami Good Government Institute, the Scripps Howard Institute on the Environment, Palm Beach County Planning Congress, the PGA Corridor Association, Dade County Bar Association, several state and local government agencies, the Everglades Coalition, the University of Florida School of Law Public Interest Environmental Conference, the Broward (City and County) Leaders Water Academy, virtually every major environmental organization in the state.

Mr. Grosso has been widely recognized for his work on behalf of Florida's environment, including:

- Lifetime Achievement Award (2010 Fla. Bar, Environmental and Land Use Law Section's Public Interest Environmental Conference).
- The Urban Environmental League's (Miami-Dade County) Orchid Award for Lawyers Who Make a Difference (2009).
- The Bill Sadowski Memorial Public Service Award by the Florida Bar, Environmental and Land Use Law Section (2008)
- The Tropical Audubon Society's Polly Redford Citizens Service Award or his legal work on behalf of the environment (2008).
- The Sierra Club Florida chapter's William K. 'Red' Howell Legal Services Award (2005)
- Named Most Effective Environmental Lawyer in south Florida by the Daily Business Review (2004).

- Conservationist of the Year, (Marshall Foundation 2003).
- Conservationist of the Year (Everglades Coalition 2002)
- Conservationist of the Year (Audubon Society of the Everglades 2001)
- Public Service Award (Martin County Conservation Alliance 2000)
- Environmentalist of the Year (CityLink Newspaper [Broward & Palm Beach Counties] 2000)
- Conservationist of the Year. (Florida Wildlife Federation (1999)
- Hal Scott Memorial Award for legal advocacy on behalf of the environment. (Florida Audubon Society 1997)
- Individual of the Year (Key West environmental group Last Stand 1995)