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Frank L. Hearne is a shareholder in the firm of Mechanik Nuccio Hearne & Wester, P.A., in Tampa, Florida where he practices exclusively environmental law. In addition to his legal credentials, Mr. Hearne holds an undergraduate degree in engineering focused on water resources and a master's degree in zoology focused on aquatic and estuarine ecology. Mr. Hearne's engineering and scientific training enables him to better comprehend the many technical aspects of his work such as geohydrology, complex organic chemistry and other topics. A substantial portion of his legal practice over more than 35 years has been to advise public and private clients in transactions involving contaminated sites including cleanup programs in a number of states, federal Superfund sites, Brownfield designation and financial benefits, Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Agreements, site assessment, remedial action, risk assessment and monitoring, Site Rehabilitation Completion Orders, restrictive covenants implementing institutional and engineering controls, negotiation of environmental insurance coverage and assertion and collection of environmental insurance claims.



His experience also includes transactions involving many types of properties such as permitted and historic landfill sites, golf courses, industrial facilities, petroleum production and refining facilities, mines, dry cleaning facilities, underground tank sites, automobile dealerships, rental car sites, wood treating sites, waste and wastewater treatment plants and many others which can be discussed in detail upon request. He has represented buyers, sellers, tenants, lenders, brokers, developers and other transactional parties. Representative recent Brownfield sites include the Delaney Creek Brownfield Redevelopment Area in Tampa at a former battery recycling site, the "Pink Palace" Hotel in Bradenton, the Jacksonville Raceway site, the Former Wellcraft Boat Manufacturing Facility in Sarasota, the Tampa IKEA Store and the Avion Project consisting of several hotels and office buildings near the Tampa airport. He has extensive experience in all the major federal and state environmental regulatory programs including rule making, permitting and enforcement defense.

Over many years, he has been repeatedly named to several independent lists of outstanding environmental lawyers in the state and nation including, *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Florida "Super Lawyers."* Mr. Hearne is a member of the Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Section, the Florida Bar Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section and the Florida Brownfields Association. Personal and professional references are available upon request.

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