



Daniel L. Abbott

Dan focuses on governmental and commercial litigation. He is an experienced trial attorney with extensive experience in the areas of land use/zoning, employment discrimination, civil rights, constitution law, police liability, and products liability, in both State and Federal courts. Dan is also a seasoned appellate attorney, having appeared before the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, Florida District Court of Appeals and the Florida Supreme Court. Dan also has extensive experience in governmental law, having served as City Attorney for the City of Hollywood for 8 years. He has also served as the Town Attorney for the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea and as City Attorney for the City of North Bay Village. Prior to joining us, Dan was the City Attorney of the City of Hollywood from 1999-2007, where he previously served as its Chief Litigation Counsel from 1994-1998.

Reported Cases

- *Otto v. City of Boca Raton*, 353 F.Supp.3d 1237 (S.D. Fla. 2019)
- *GSK Hollywood Development Group, LLC v. City of Hollywood*, 246 So.3d 501 (Fla. 4th DCA 2018)
- *Manners v. Cannella*, 891 F.3d 959 (11th 2018)
- *Navellier v. State of Florida et al*, 672 Fed. Appx. 925 (11th 2016)
- *H. ex rel Moore v. City of Miramar*, 111 F.Supp.3d 1307 (S.D. Fla. 2015)
- *Archstone Palmetto Park, LLC v. Kennedy*, 132 So.3d 347 (Fla. 4th DCA 2014)
- *Butler v. City of Hallandale Beach*, 68 So.3d 278 (Fla. 4th DCA 2011)
- *Flagler Retail Associates, Ltd. Et al v. Department of Community Affairs and Miami-Dade County*, 2010 WL 2948165 (Fla. Div. of Admin. Hearings, 2010)
- *City of Lake Worth v. Save Our Neighborhood, Inc.*, 995 So.2d 1002 (Fla. 4th DCA 2008)
- *Garcia v. City of Hollywood*, 966 So.2d 5 (Fla. 4th DCA 2007)
- *City of Hollywood v. Mulligan*, 934 So.2d 1238 (Fla. 2006)
- *Sun Sentinel Co. v. City of Hollywood*, 274 F.Supp.2d 1323 (S.D. Fla. 2003)
- *Uptown Pawn & Jewelry, Inc. v. City of Hollywood*, 337 F.3d 1275 (11th 2003)
- *Leonardi v. City of Hollywood*, 715 So.2d 1007 (Fla. 4th DCA 1998)
- *Wohl v. City of Hollywood*, 915 F.Supp. 339 (S.D. Fla. 1995)

Press Mentions

- "City Faces \$137M Claim From Crocker Partners on Stalled Midtown Boca", Daily Business Review, 9/18/2018
- "[Fla. Developer Can't Fight Zoning Law Without Asking To Build](#)", Law 360, May 4, 2018
- "Unguarded Beaches in Florida Pose Risk to Swimmers, Cities," Sun-Sentinel, 7/23/12
- "People on the Move," Sun-Sentinel, 8/13/07

Presentations

- "Constitutional Law Disputes with Local Governments," National Business Institute, Inc., 12/16/03

Significant Trials and Appeals

- Successfully defended a municipal ban of "conversion therapy" against a variety of constitutional challenges. *Otto v. City of Boca Raton*, 353 F.Supp.3d 1237 (S.D. Fla. 2019).
- Successfully defended a municipal ordinance that substantially decreased the allowable height of buildings against Bert J. Harris and Due Process challenges. *GSK Hollywood Development Group, LLC v. City of Hollywood*,

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Practice Areas

- Appellate Practice Group
- Constitutional Law
- Employment Litigation and Arbitration
- Governmental Litigation
- Litigation
- Litigation Division
- Municipal Government Law
- Real Estate, Land Use and Zoning Litigation

Bar Admissions

- Florida, 1988
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 1989
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 1989
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit

Education

- Vanderbilt University School of Law JD, 1988
- Emory University BA, 1985



246 So.3d 501 (Fla. 4th DCA 2018).

- Successfully defended a municipality against allegations that city police officers violated the civil rights of an arrestee. *Manners v. Cannella*, 891 F.3d 959 (11th 2018).
- Successfully defended the constitutionality of Florida's homestead exemption law. *Navellier v. State of Florida et al*, 672 Fed. Appx. 925 (11th 2016).
- Successfully defended a municipality against allegations that city police officers violated the civil rights of two men whom they shot and killed. *H. ex rel Moore v. City of Miramar*, 111 F.Supp.3d 1307 (S.D. Fla. 2015).
- Successfully defended refusals of municipalities to schedule referendum votes on a land use initiative. *Archstone Palmetto Park, LLC v. Kennedy*, 132 So.3d 347 (Fla. 4th DCA 2014); *City of Lake Worth v. Save Our Neighborhood, Inc.*, 995 So.2d 1002 (Fla. 4th DCA 2008).
- Successfully defended a municipality in a public records dispute regarding emails sent by a Mayor. *Butler v. City of Hallandale Beach*, 68 So.3d 278 (Fla. 4th DCA 2011).
- Successfully challenged an amendment to a county's comprehensive plan that would have increased commercial competition against retail owners. *Flagler Retail Associates, Ltd. Et al v. Department of Community Affairs and Miami-Dade County*, 2010 WL 2948165 (Fla. Div. of Admin. Hearings, 2010).
- Successfully defended a municipality from potential tort exposure in connection with an automobile accident involving a city employee on his way to work. *Garcia v. City of Hollywood*, 966 So.2d 5 (Fla. 4th DCA 2007).
- Successfully defended the constitutionality of a municipal ordinance authorizing the impoundment of automobiles used in the commission of certain misdemeanor crimes. *City of Hollywood v. Mulligan*, 934 So.2d 1238 (Fla. 2006).
- Successfully defended the constitutionality of a Florida Statute that prohibits commercial solicitation in roadways. *Sun Sentinel Co. v. City of Hollywood*, 274 F.Supp.2d 1323 (S.D. Fla. 2003).
- Successfully defended a municipality's decision to prohibit certain commercial advertising on municipal benches against constitutional challenge. *Uptown Pawn & Jewelry, Inc. v. City of Hollywood*, 337 F.3d 1275 (11th 2003).
- Successfully defended a municipality in a breach of employment contract claim brought by an individual who quit his job in reliance on an employment offer later withdrawn by the municipality. *Leonardi v. City of Hollywood*, 715 So.2d 1007 (Fla. 4th DCA 1998).
- Successfully defended a civil rights action brought by a property owner who alleged an unconstitutional enforcement of the fire safety code for ulterior motives. *Wohl v. City of Hollywood*, 915 F.Supp. 339 (S.D. Fla. 1995).