

ALACHUA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Citizen's Academy 2019

**Sylvia E. Torres
County Attorney**



County Attorney's Office Role

- County Attorney advises Board – the entity
- Obligation to defend Board's decisions
- Objective advice to Board
- Does not address policy issues



County Attorney's Staff

- Currently 10 FTEs
 - 6 attorneys
 - 3 assistants & 1 registered paralegal
- Wide range of legal practice areas
- Combined total in excess of 50 years local government law experience



Historical Staffing Levels

- Four attorneys in 1985
- Four attorneys in 2002
- Five attorneys in 2003
- Six attorneys in 2017
 - worker's comp brought in-house



Entities Represented

- Board of County Commissioners
- County Manager & Staff
- Supervisor of Elections & Tax Collector
- Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO)
- Miscellaneous Boards & Committees
- Library District



Areas of Practice

- Tort Claims
- Labor & Employment and Worker's Comp
- Public Finance
- Code Enforcement
- Public Records/Sunshine Law
- Bidding & Public Procurement Process
- Drafting & Review of Contracts,
Ordinances & Resolutions





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