

GENERAL COUNSELS COUNCIL

Uniting to drive reforms and solutions necessary to improve Florida's legal climate from bottom-five to top-quartile in the nation by 2030.

Despite its otherwise strong business climate, Florida's national and global competitiveness is held back by our current bottom-five legal climate ranking and continued spot on the national "Judicial Hellhole" watchlist. Lawsuit abuse has a real cost on employers' ability to grow their business, support their communities and invest in their workers. It also hits Florida families right in the pocketbook, with **frivolous litigation effectively taxing Florida households to the tune of \$5,065/year in increased costs.** Tort costs alone make up 3.6% of the State GDP- the worst ratio in the country.

How We Get There:

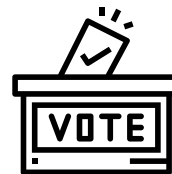
Whether before the legislature, the court of law, the court or public opinion, or at the ballot box, **the Florida Chamber of Commerce is leading the fight to improve Florida's bottom-five legal climate.** The General Counsels Council focuses on moving the needle across **four battlefields** and advise the Florida Chamber Litigation & Regulatory Reform Center's effort to enact meaningful change. There are more trial lawyer billboards urging frivolous litigation in Florida than anywhere else in the world. The need for a united business community guided by Florida's leading General Counsels to advocate the reforms necessary to meet Florida's competitive potential is paramount.



Courts of Law



Legislative



Political



Court of
Public Opinion

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The Four Battlefields:

1. Courts of Law

- Engage in a proactive amicus program to support business positions in court and ensure legislative progress is not eroded
- Identify/support strict textualist judges' ascendancy to the bench
- Support rules and changes to civil procedure that streamline the legal process and root out abuse of it by opportunistic trial lawyers

2. Legislative

- Draft, advocate and pass overdue and necessary reforms to bring sanity back to Florida's legal climate
- Stop advancement and passage of harmful new causes of action

3. Political

- Elect and re-elect pro-business lawmakers and cabinet officials
- Un-elect trial lawyer-backed policymakers and candidates
- Unite business around common principles

4. Court of Public Opinion

- Use the business community's voice to bring awareness to the cost of lawsuit abuse and the legislative solutions to fix it
- Author/produce op-eds, letters to the editor, podcasts, public testimony, petitions, and more...

The Florida Chamber Litigation & Regulatory Reform Center's General Counsels Council

Join a group of your peer leaders from diverse industries committed to stomping out lawsuit abuse and driving the change necessary to meet Florida's competitive potential. Members of the Florida Chamber Litigation & Regulatory Reform Center's General Counsels Council will:

- Set the vision and focus for the Florida Chamber Litigation & Regulatory Reform Center's activity
- Review legislation, polling, court cases and rules to identify opportunities to turn the tide of Florida's legal climate.
- Participate in regularly scheduled calls featuring guest speakers from the legislature, judiciary and business community
- Receive bi-monthly newsletters on the shifting landscape, materializing threats, and progress made
- Help secure Florida's future!

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