

CLIFFORD L. WALTERS

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY, Lexington, Virginia

B.S. (1971) Distinguished Military Graduate
J.D. (1976) With Honors
Order of the Coif – Omicron Delta Kappa
Law Review – Note and Comment Editor

BLALOCK WALTERS, P.A. (1976 – Present), President and Managing Partner (2002 - 2014)
Board Chair (2015 - 2022)

BOARDS - MEMBERSHIPS – ASSOCIATIONS

- BEALL’S, INC.
 - Board of Directors (1984 – Current)
 - Lead Director of Board of Directors (1998 - 2022)
 - Past Governance & Nominating, Chairman
 - Founding Trustee of the R.M. Beall, Sr. Charitable Foundation (1987 -)
 - Past Chair of Audit Committee

- COX AUTOMOTIVE, LLC and COX CHEVROLET INC.
 - Board Member (2014 -)

- INSIGNIA BANK
 - Board Member (2015- 2017)
 - Audit Committee (2016 - 2017)
 - Real Estate Committee (2016 - 2017)

- THE JOHN AND MABLE RINGLING MUSEUM OF ART BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 - Board Member (2008 –2016)
 - Chair (2012 - 2014)
 - Chair Governance Committee (2014 - 2016)

- AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION
 - Fellow

- FLORIDA BAR FOUNDATION
 - Fellow

- UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
 - University of South Florida – Sarasota/Manatee Regional Campus, Board of Trustees (2001 – 2009)
 - Board Chair (2007 – 2009)
 - USF Property Corporation - Board Member (2005 - 2013) (Chair 2013)
 - USF Finance Corporation - Board Member (2005 - 2013)

- GOODWILL INDUSTRIES-MANASOTA, INC.
 - Chairman (2007–2008) (1998-1999) (1989–1990)
 - Board Member (1998-2012)
 - Goodwill Foundation, Inc., Founding Board Member (1999-2012)
- THE FOUNDATION FOR BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MANATEE COUNTY, INC.
 - Board Member (2002 – 2017)
 - Governance & Nominating Committee – Chair
 - Service Award – 2017
- MANATEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 - Past Chairman & Board Member
 - Leadership Manatee, Graduate (1985)
 - Numerous Committee Chairs
 - Economic Development Council, Past Chair
 - Chairman’s Award (January 2001)
 - Foundation Board Member (2012 – 2018)
- KIWANIS CLUB OF BRADENTON
 - Past President and Board Member
 - Kiwanian of the Year (1996 and 1987)
 - Kiwanis George Hixon Award (1997)
 - President’s Award (1994)
- LEADERSHIP FLORIDA
 - Graduate
 - Board of Regents (1999-2001)
 - Calusa Region, Chairman (Hardee, Desoto, Charlotte, Manatee & Sarasota Counties) (1999-2001)
- UNITED WAY OF MANATEE COUNTY
 - Past President, Campaign Chair, and Board Member
 - Past Chair, Building Committee
- ST. STEPHENS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
 - Board Member (1992-1998)
 - Capital Campaign Steering Committee (1999-2000)
 - Volunteer of the Year Award (1993)
 - Silver Anniversary Capital Campaign Chairman (1992)
 - Trustee of Endowment Fund (2006 -)
- MANATEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
 - Past President and Board Member
 - “Lifetime Achievement Award” (2000)
- GIM HOUSING INC. (Non-profit Agency providing housing for the disabled)
 - Past President and Founding Board Member
- UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA/NEW COLLEGE
 - Community Leadership Council (1999-2001)

- MANATEE TIGER BAY CLUB – Founding Board Member
- THE GREAT OUTDOORS CONSERVANCY
 - Founding Board Member (1998-2003)
- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (Founding Member - 1994 – Manatee County)
- BRADENTON JAYCEES
 - Past President and Board Member
- CHURCH OF ST. PETER & PAUL, Member
- AWARDS
 - Who’s Who in Tampa Bay Law – Tampa Bay Business Journal (2005)
 - Business Persons of the Year” – Selected by Sarasota/Manatee Business Magazine (2005)
 - Leadership Manatee “Distinguished Leadership Award” (2000)
 - Ed H. Price Jr. – Humanitarian Award (2003)
 - BEST Lawyers in America (Peer Reviewed – Real Estate) (2014 - 2023)
 - BEST Lawyer of the Year - Sarasota
 - Goodwill Ambassador of the Year – (2014)
 - Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer Nominee – Association of Fundraising Professionals – Sarasota
 - Distinguished Citizen “Good Scout” Award 2016 – SW Florida Council of Boy Scouts of America
 - Robert P. Bartz Outstanding Leadership Award – 2018
 - BEST Lawyer of the Year – 2024 – Real Estate Law in Sarasota
- OTHER
 - Beall’s PAC, Vice Chairman (1993-2012), Founding Board Member (1993 -)
 - Florida Chamber of Commerce, Board of Governors (1999-2001)
 - Florida Chamber of Commerce, Legal Policy Committee (2001 - 2005)
 - County Administrator Search Committee Member (1995)
 - Twelfth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee, Past Chairman
 - Florida West Coast Symphony, Past Board Member
 - Manatee County Symphony Guild, Past President
 - Kentucky Colonel (Commissioned 1986)
 - Youth Athletic Coach (Baseball, Basketball (1989-1995)
 - Manatee County Nursery School (A United Way Agency), Past President & Board Member
 - American Cancer Society (Manatee County), Former Officer and Board Member
 - Twelfth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee (1985-1996)
 - CALM, Founding Past Officer and Board Member
 - Judicial Center Task Force (Manatee County) (1998-2001)
 - Moderator/Mediator-City/County Government ACCORD (2002) (2005)
 - Hancock Bank , Member of Manatee/Sarasota Market Board (2012 - 2015)
 - Board Member (Ex Officio) Florida State University Foundation, Inc. (2012 - 2014)
 - Southwest Florida Council BSA Advisory Board (2010 -)
 - County Attorney Search Committee Member (twice)
- PRO BONO LEGAL COUNSEL (In whole or in part):
 - Habitat for Humanity – Manatee County
 - Kiwanis Club of Bradenton Foundation

- Goodwill Manasota, Inc.
- Kiwanis Club of Bradenton
- Florida Bar – Unauthorized Practice of Law: Special Prosecutor (early 1980's)
- Turning Points

- ADDITIONAL
 - U.S. Army, First Lieutenant (1971-1973)
 - Eagle Scout
 - Recreational Interests: Kayaking, Camping, Hiking, Pickleball
 - Born: Lexington Kentucky
 - Married: Susie Simkus, Bradenton, Florida
 - Children: Sarah (Marine Biologist for Florida Fish & Game Commission); Logan (Mental Health Youth Professional)