

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION



Flagler County
1769 East Moody Blvd. Bldg 2
Bldg #2
Bunnell, Florida - 32110

<http://www.flaglercounty.gov> (<http://www.flaglercounty.gov>)

DeVall, Richard, F
County Attorney

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QUAL: _____

DNQ: _____

☐ Experience

☐ Training

☐ Other: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

POSITION TITLE:

County Attorney

Job Number:

00813

NAME: (Last, First, Middle)

DeVall, Richard, F

PERSON ID:

37816901

Former Last Name:

none

Date And Month Of Birth:

02/18

ADDRESS: (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

204 S. Riverwalk Drive
 Palm Coast, FL 32137

HOME PHONE:

727-732-9549

ALTERNATE PHONE:

386-693-5002

EMAIL ADDRESS:

richdevall58@gmail.com

NOTIFICATION PREFERENCE:

Email

DRIVER'S LICENSE:

Yes

State: FL

LEGAL RIGHT TO WORK IN THE UNITED STATES?:

☒ Yes ☐ No

HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION:

Doctorate

PREFERENCES

MINIMUM COMPENSATION:

\$175,000.00/yr

SHIFTS YOU WILL ACCEPT:

Day , Evening , Night , Rotating , Weekends , On Call (as needed)

WHAT TYPE OF JOB ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Regular

TYPES OF WORK YOU WILL ACCEPT:

Full Time

EDUCATION

SCHOOL NAME:

Albany Law School

LOCATION:(City , State) Albany, NY	DID YOU GRADUATE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	DEGREE RECEIVED: Professional
MAJOR/MINOR: law		
SCHOOL NAME: Union College		
LOCATION:(City , State) Schenectady, NY	DID YOU GRADUATE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	DEGREE RECEIVED: Bachelor's
MAJOR/MINOR: History		

WORK EXPERIENCE		
DATES: from February/2025 to Present	EMPLOYER: The Law Offices of Richard F. DeVall	POSITION TITLE: Owner
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State, Zip Code): 204 S. Riverwalk Drive Palm Coast, FL 32137		
PHONE NUMBER: (727) 732-9549	SUPERVISOR: Richard F. DeVall - Owner	MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
HOURS PER WEEK: 40	SALARY: \$10,000.00	
DUTIES: Concentration in legal issues involving counties and cities, and choice/conflict of laws. Freedom of Information requests. Evaluation of potential liability of municipalities. Mediation and arbitration. Offices in Wyoming, Michigan, Saratoga Springs, New York, and Palm Coast, Florida.		
REASON FOR LEAVING: N/A.		
DATES: from April/2022 to February/2025	EMPLOYER: ZinnLaw	POSITION TITLE: Lead trial attorney
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State, Zip Code): working remotely from 85 Las Casitas, Blvd Palm Coast, FL 32137		COMPANY URL: Zinn.law
PHONE NUMBER: (239) 418-1529	SUPERVISOR: Brian Zinn - Owner	MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
HOURS PER WEEK: 40	SALARY: \$10,750.00	

DUTIES:

Lead trial attorney and litigator in a private law firm. Commercial, contract, and real property, particularly relating to county tax liens. Mediation, arbitration, trial and appeal. Hybrid position, working remotely from Wyoming, MI and Palm Coast, FL; in-person trials and appeals in Collier, Lee, and Orange Counties.

REASON FOR LEAVING:

Open private law office.

DATES:

from April/2021 to December/2021

EMPLOYER:

Cape Coral City Attorney's Office

POSITION TITLE:

Assistant City Attorney, II

ADDRESS: (Street, City, State, Zip Code):

1015 Cultural Park Blvd
Cape Coral, FL 33990

COMPANY URL:

www.capecoral.gov

PHONE NUMBER:

239-574-0408

SUPERVISOR:

Dolores Menendez - City Attorney

MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER?

☒ Yes ☐ No

HOURS PER WEEK:

40

SALARY:

\$8,333.00

DUTIES:

Confidential legal advice to elected officials and department heads. Oversight of all pending liability claims/risk management. Prosecution of Risk Protection Orders and Civil Forfeiture Proceedings, contract drafting and review, defense of formal bid protests, defense of foreclosure and quiet title actions. Drafted legislation. Review of FOIA requests under Florida's "Sunshine Laws."

REASON FOR LEAVING:

Seeking a position on near Palm Coast Florida and nearer to my family

DATES:

from June/1987 to December/2020

EMPLOYER:

DeVall and DeVall Law Firm

POSITION TITLE:

Principal and managing partner

ADDRESS: (Street, City, State, Zip Code):

59 Franklin Street
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

COMPANY URL:

www.divorcebankruptcylawsaratoga.com

PHONE NUMBER:

518-879-1793

SUPERVISOR:

Self - partner

MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER?

☒ Yes ☐ No

HOURS PER WEEK:

40

SALARY:

\$10,000.00

OF EMPLOYEES SUPERVISED:

3

DUTIES:

Founder and managing partner. Extensive experience in all administrative, trial and appellate courts of New York including trials of personal injury, family law, and civil rights cases. Land use applications and appeals from municipal determinations.

REASON FOR LEAVING:

Relocation to Florida.

DATES: from January/1994 to June/2020	EMPLOYER: NYS Office of Court Administration, Fourth Judicial District	POSITION TITLE: Attorney-Client Fee Dispute Resolution Program
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State, Zip Code): 65 South Broadway Saratoga Springs, NY 12866		COMPANY URL: www.divorcebankruptcylawsaratoga.com
PHONE NUMBER: 518-285-5099	SUPERVISOR: Hon. Vito C. Caruso - Chief Administrative Judge	MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
HOURS PER WEEK: 4		
DUTIES: part-time. Arbitration panel member, serving as an arbitrator of matrimonial fee disputes.		
REASON FOR LEAVING: Until my relocation to Florida I was a panel member for the arbitration of matrimonial and family court fee disputes between clients and their attorneys.		
DATES: from January/1994 to December/2013	EMPLOYER: Town of Wilton	POSITION TITLE: Town Attorney
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State, Zip Code): traver Road Wilton, NY 12831		COMPANY URL: www.townofwilton.com
PHONE NUMBER: 518-587-1939	SUPERVISOR: Arthur Johnson - Town Supervisor	MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
HOURS PER WEEK: 20	SALARY: \$3,000.00	# OF EMPLOYEES SUPERVISED: 1
DUTIES: Chief legal officer of the Town. Confidential legal advice to elected officials and department heads. Oversight and management of the Town's Legal Department, including staff, budgeting, and the Assistant Town Attorney. Review of all FOIL requests. Handled all legal and administrative issues for the Town, prosecuted and defended all claims involving the town, including land use regulations, environmental law, labor law and civil rights law.		
REASON FOR LEAVING: Town Board changeover		
DATES: from January/1986 to January/1987	EMPLOYER: NYS Senate	POSITION TITLE: Assistant Counsel
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State, Zip Code): the Capitol Albany, NY 12247		COMPANY URL: www.nysenate.gov

PHONE NUMBER: (518) 455-2381	SUPERVISOR: the Hon. Roy M Goodman - NYS Senator	MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
HOURS PER WEEK: 40	SALARY: \$2,000.00		
DUTIES: full-time. Provided legal advice, drafted legislation, met with constituent groups on behalf of the Honorable Roy M Goodman.			
REASON FOR LEAVING: opened private office			
DATES: from February/1983 to December/1986	EMPLOYER: Rensselaer County District Attorney	POSITION TITLE: Assistant District Attorney	
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State, Zip Code): County Courthouse Troy, NY 12180		COMPANY URL: www.rensco.org	
PHONE NUMBER: 518-270-4040	SUPERVISOR: Charles Wilcox - District Attorney	MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
HOURS PER WEEK: 50	SALARY: \$2,417.00		
DUTIES: full-time. Prosecuted all manner of crime from investigation to jury trial to appeal. Horizontal prosecution			
REASON FOR LEAVING: Change of administration			

CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES			
TYPE: License to practice law.			
DATE ISSUED: December 2020	EXPIRATION DATE: No expiration	NUMBER: 1025822	ISSUING AGENCY: Supreme Court of Florida
TYPE: License to practice law			

DATE ISSUED: January 1985	EXPIRATION DATE: No expiration	NUMBER: 1961705	ISSUING AGENCY: NYS Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department
TYPE: License to practice law			
DATE ISSUED: June 2022	EXPIRATION DATE: No expiration	NUMBER:	ISSUING AGENCY: U S District Court, Middle District of Florida
TYPE: License to practice law			
DATE ISSUED: February 2025	EXPIRATION DATE: No expiration	NUMBER:	ISSUING AGENCY: State Bar of Michigan

SKILLS**OFFICE SKILLS:**

Nothing Entered For This Section

OTHER SKILLS:

Nothing Entered For This Section

LANGUAGE(S):

French

☐ Speak ☐ Read ☐ Write**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION****Professional Associations**

New York State Bar, admitted

Florida Bar, admitted

Michigan Bar, admitted

Grand Rapids Bar Association

Honors & Awards

Union College, Schenectady, New York, B.A., cum laude

REFERENCES**REFERENCE TYPE:**

Professional

NAME:

Courtenay Hall

POSITION:

The Honorable

ADDRESS: (Street, City, State, Zip Code) 441 Lockhart Mountain Road, #24 Lake George, NY 12845		
EMAIL ADDRESS: cort2029@gmail.com		PHONE NUMBER: 518-937-6460
REFERENCE TYPE: Professional	NAME: Brian Zinn	POSITION:
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State, Zip Code) 2891 Center Pointe Drive Suite 304 Fort Myers, FL 33916		
EMAIL ADDRESS: brian@zinn.law		PHONE NUMBER: 239-961-3961
REFERENCE TYPE: Professional	NAME: Nancy Bunting	POSITION:
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State, Zip Code) 20 Prospect Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020		
EMAIL ADDRESS: nbunting@verizon.net		PHONE NUMBER: 518-885-1600

Agency - Wide Questions

1. **If applying for driver position, do you possess a valid Class C or higher Commercial Driver's License with Passenger Endorsement?**
Yes
2. **Are you eligible to work in the United States?**
Yes
3. **Will you now or in the future require sponsorship for work authorization?**
No
4. **Employment Desired:**
Full Time
5. **Have you ever worked for this organization?**
No
6. **Do you have any relatives, either immediate or extended, or friends, that are currently employed by Flagler County?**
No
7. **If you answered "Yes" to question #5 please list the name of your relative(s)/friend(s). If you have relative(s) that work for Flagler County please list how you are related to them (i.e. mother, father, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, cousin, in-law, etc).**
N/A

8. **Hours of work (per week) desired:**
40
9. **Date Available:**
05/14/2025
10. **Desired Salary:**
\$175000
11. **Are you currently in the armed forces?**
No
12. **Military Branch:**
13. **Military Start Date:**
14. **Military Discharge Date:**
15. **Rank at Discharge:**
16. **ALL APPLICANTS MUST ANSWER "YES" OR "NO" TO THIS QUESTION. If you are claiming Veteran's Preference, a copy of your DD-214 or comparable document which serves as a certification of release or discharge claim, MUST be furnished at the time of application. Effective April 8, 1992, Chapter 92-80, Laws of Florida amended the definition of wartime service to include the Persian Gulf War, beginning August 2, 1990, and ending on such a date as may be prescribed by presidential proclamation or by law. The County will give your application every special consideration required by the law (Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 55A-7). If you believe you were not afforded employment preference in accordance with the law, you have the right to file a complaint within twenty-one (21) days of notice of non-selection for the position with the Department of Veteran's Affairs, 11351 Ulmerton Road, Suite 311-K, Largo, Florida 32278-1630 Are you claiming Veteran's Preference?**
No
17. **Check the appropriate category if you are claiming Veteran's Preference:**
18. **Have you uploaded supporting documentation verifying your veterans preference. Examples would include your DD214 or SF15 Form.**
N/A
19. **Have you signed and attached Form DOS-119 if applicable? (the link to this form can be found on the Career page/job opportunities under "show more")**
Not Applicable
20. **Where did you hear of this opportunity?**
Indeed
21. **Did you complete the application in it's entirety, to include at a minimum the past 10 years work history in the provided fields of the application and any work history relevant to the position in which you are applying? If you do not complete the entire application your application will be rejected and you will be disqualified for the position you are applying for.**
Yes
22. **If this position requires diplomas/degrees or certifications/licenses you must attach them at the time you submit your application. Have you attached all required documents?**
Yes

Job Specific Supplemental Questions

1. **Have you graduated from an accredited college or university school of law with a Juris Doctorate degree? If yes, please upload a copy of degree in order to move forward in the hiring process.**
Yes

- 2. Do you possess 5 or more years of experience in the practice of law, with experience in federal, state or local government agency or within the private practice of law with emphasis on local government law, real estate, eminent domain or any other county related matters to include extensive trial practice/experience? If yes, please list in the work history section of application where the experience was gained.**
Yes
- 3. Do you possess 2 years of supervising or managing other attorneys?**
Yes
- 4. Are you a member of the Florida Bar? If yes, are you eligible for license in Federal Courts and U.S. Court of Appeals?**
Yes I am a member of the Florida bar. I am admitted to practice law in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida and am eligible for admission to the U.S. Court of Appeals.
- 5. All required certifications, diplomas and licenses must be uploaded with application. Have you completed this step?**
Yes

By clicking the Accept & Submit button, I hereby certify that every statement I have made in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or incomplete answer may be grounds for not employing me or for dismissing me after I begin work. I understand that not completing my work history in the fields of the application will disqualify me for the position I am applying for. I understand that I will have to produce documentation verifying my identity and employment eligibility in the U.S. I understand that I may be required to verify any and all information given on this application. I understand that if I have stated that I have a degree(s) that I have uploaded and submitted a copy of my degree(s) with my application. I understand that this completed application is the property of Flagler County and will not be returned. I understand Flagler County may contact prior employers and others.

This application was submitted by DeVall, Richard, F

Richard F. De Vall, Esq.

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Home phone: 386-693-5002

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Admitted to practice law in the states of Michigan, Florida and New York

Admitted to practice law in the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

Education:

Albany Law School of Union University, Albany, New York, Juris Doctor

Union College, Schenectady, New York, B.A., *cum laude*

Fluent in English and French

Experience:

Law office of Richard F DeVall, present. Offices in Wyoming Michigan, Saratoga Springs, New York, and Palm Coast, Florida. General practice of law. Concentration in choice of law issues and the intersection of legal disputes involving multiple states. Assist clients with issues arising in one state that have an impact on them in another state. From divorce and family law issues (such as enforcement, child support, etc.) to firearms and contract disputes the disparity between the legal effect in one state can be substantial in another state.

ZinnLaw, 2022 through February 2025. Litigation and lead trial attorney in private law firm dedicated to commercial, contract, and real property litigation. Conduct litigation from drafting pleadings through trial and appeal. Hybrid position, working primarily remotely from Wyoming, MI and Palm Coast, FL; trials and appeals in Collier, Lee, and Orange Counties, Florida.

Assistant City Attorney, City of Cape Coral, 2021. Prosecution of Risk Protection Orders and Civil Forfeiture Proceedings, contract drafting and review, formal bid protests, foreclosure and quiet title actions.

Principal and Managing Partner of DeVall and DeVall Law Firm, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., 1987 to through beginning 2020. Extensive experience in all trial and appellate courts of New York; misdemeanor, felony, criminal jury trials, personal injury, divorce and family law, motion and trial prosecution of complex cases.

Arbitrator, New York State Unified Court System, Fourth Judicial District Attorney-Client Matrimonial Fee Dispute Resolution Program, 1994 to June 19, 2020, part-time. Arbitration panel member, serving as an arbitrator of matrimonial fee disputes.

Town Attorney, Town of Wilton, New York, 1994 to 2013, Handled all facets of legal issues for the Town, prosecuted and defended all claims involving the town, including land use regulations, environmental law, labor law and civil rights law.

Assistant Counsel to NYS Senate. 1986 to 1987, full-time. Provided legal advice, drafted legislation, met with constituent groups.

Assistant District Attorney, Rensselaer County, NY, 1983 to 1986, full-time. Prosecuted all manner of crime from investigation to jury trial and appeal.

Chairman and member of the Board of Directors , “Saratoga Oasis”, 1995-2003. Oversaw the operations and budgeting for a local not-for-profit drug treatment agency.

Saratoga National Bank, Community Advisory Board, 2000 to 2013. Advised the bank of the needs of the community, and the community of the services and programs offered by the bank.

Professional and Personal Accomplishments:

New York State Appellate Counsel. Successful in numerous ‘reported cases’ before the Supreme Court, Appellate Division. Citations attached.

Saratoga County, New York, Mock Trial Judge, Coordinator and Coach, 1992-2006,

“Saratoga Strings” pops orchestra, 1996 to 2004. Concert master/conductor of community-based string orchestra.

Richard F. De Vall Published Cases

In the Matter of HADLEY C., 137 A.D.3rd 1524 (3rd Dept 2016)

VALENSON v. KENYON, 80 A.D.3rd 799 (3rd Dept 2011)

LEIGHTON v. BAZAN, 36 A.D.3rd 1178 (3rd Dept 2007)

ETZEL v. ETZEL, 22 A.D. 3rd 906 (3rd Dept 2003)

In the Matter of SARAH S. v. JAMES T., Appellant. 299 A.D.2d 785

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS. v. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE TOWN OF WILTON 279 A.D.2d 756

CHASE et al. v. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF TOWN OF WILTON, 264 A.D.2d 929

ROBARGE v. WILLETT, 224 A.D.2d 746

PEOPLE v. TRANKA, 191 A.D.2d 903

PEOPLE v. BERLINER, 188 A.D.2d 739

SAMEK v. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF the TOWN OF BALLSTON. 162 A.D.2d 926

PEOPLE v. JEFFREY, 157 A.D.2d 909

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April 27, 2025

Flagler County Board of County Commissioners

By email attachment only

Re: Position of County Attorney

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I respectfully submit this cover letter and my resume for the position of County Attorney.

My wife and I reside in Palm Coast. Her family also has a homestead in Palm Coast.

I believe I meet and exceed the education and experience sought for the position.

I have a *jurist doctorate* degree from the Albany Law School of Union University, which is a nationally accredited law school.

I am admitted to practice law in the states of Florida, Michigan and New York and am in good standing with all three bars, never having been the subject of an inquiry. I am also admitted to practice law in the US District Court, Middle District of Florida.

I am primarily a people person. I can work with a broad array of people from diverse backgrounds and can find common ground and experiences with most people. I have been especially successful working within an institution, such as a city or town government; and, reaching accords in alternative dispute resolutions, such as mediations.

I have over 30 years' experience as a practicing attorney with extensive civil litigation experience, including jury trial and appellate experience. I am a former prosecutor and served as an Assistant District Attorney, Rensselaer County, New York.

I also have extensive experience in contracts, real estate, procurement, employment, and election law. This experience has been acquired both in my private law practice, and my government employment.

I am currently self-employed and have a general practice of law, specializing in choice/conflict of laws. These matters involve clients that reside in one state (such as Florida, Michigan or New York), but have legal issues involving another state. Many times, they also involve municipalities and access to government documents (NYS FOIL laws/Florida Sunshine Laws).

Previously, I was employed by ZinnLaw, PLLC. I was their lead trial attorney and worked primarily remotely from Palm Coast. Periodically, I conducted trials in Collier, Lee, and Orange counties.

I was also employed as an Assistant City Attorney II, with the City of Cape Coral. I was responsible for all general litigation and FOIA requests. I was responsible for handling all foreclosure actions as well as Civil Forfeiture and Risk Protection Order proceedings. I also successfully defended the City in a formal bid protest involving a \$10 million utilities contract and conducted the trial before DOAH.

I was a court appointed Arbitrator for about 14 years.

I am experienced in the defense and prosecution of real property, construction, personal injury/property damage claims, 1983 civil rights cases, criminal cases, and family court cases. I have experience in drafting pleadings, discovery, motions, jury trials and appeals. *All of my experience has been as "first chair."*

I have 19 years' experience as the town attorney for Wilton, NY and defended and prosecuted the Town in all its civil litigation, including land use and civil rights cases. I managed and supervised the Law Department, including budgeting, staffing and supervising my assistant town attorney.

In my private practice of law, I was the managing partner and supervised a staff of up to five (5). I handled the business and trust accounts, vendors, and a SEP-IRA retirement program for the office. I concentrated in litigation. Specifically, I can recall 25 jury trials and over 100 bench trials. I took about 20 appeals, many of which were published and reported. Case citations are attached to my resume.

Particulars of all the foregoing can be provided upon request.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,

S/ Richard F. DeVall

Richard F. DeVall, Esq.

UNION UNIVERSITY ALBANY LAW SCHOOL

By authority of the Board of Trustees of the Albany Law School
and upon recommendation of the Faculty

RICHARD FULMER DeVALL

has been admitted to the Degree of
JURIS DOCTOR

and is entitled to all rights and honors thereto appertaining
Witness the Seal of the Albany Law School of Union University
and the signatures of its Officers

This second day of June in the Year of Our Lord One
thousand nine hundred and eighty-four

Sam S. Morris
Chancellor of the University

W. H. H. H.
Secretary, Board of Trustees



Robert B. B.
President and Dean

James H. H.
Chairman, Board of Trustees