
★ HALL OF FAME ★

William E. Powers Inducted into Section Hall of Fame



Induction into The Florida Bar Labor and Employment Law Section Hall of Fame is a posthumous honor given to persons who had significant involvement in both the Section and the active practice of labor and employment law in Florida for a substantial portion of his or her career. This year's inductee is William E. Powers, Jr. (1939–2020).

Bill Powers graduated from the University of Dayton and the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and then obtained an LL.M. in labor law from the New York University School of Law. He began his legal career with the National Labor Relations Board in Cleveland, Ohio, before becoming General Counsel for the Florida Public Employees Relations Commission. He later served as its chair. Bill then entered private practice as a partner with a large firm prior to founding his own firm. He also served as General Counsel for the Florida Sheriffs Association. In all, Bill practiced law for forty years.

Bill was co-chair of the American Bar Association Committee on Government and Employment Law and was an adjunct professor at Nova College of Law and Florida State University. He was a charter member of the Stetson Law Center for Labor Management Disputes and served on the National Advisory Board of Cleveland State's Marshall College of Law. He was a frequent lecturer at seminars across the country and was inducted as a fellow into the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

**Biographical information from the Tallahassee Democrat.*