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PROFESSIONAL

City of Seminole, Councilor, 2009-2012

Leslie Waters Government Relations and Political Grassroots Consulting

Florida House of Representatives - Speaker Pro Tempore - 2004-2006

Florida House of Representatives - State Representative˜ Elected in 1998; Re-elected 2000, 2002, 2004

Florida Supreme Court – Certified Mediator, 2002

Allstate Insurance Company - Human Resources, Strategic, Corporate, and Government Relations (1971-2000)

EDUCATION

Stetson University College of Law, Alternate Dispute Resolution Mediation Training, 2001

Florida State University, B.S. & M.S., 1969; 1970

Society of Human Resource Management, Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR)

Insurance Institute of America - Associate in Management (AIM)

VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SERVICE/OUTREACH/MEMBERSHIP (current *)

- Junior Achievement of West Central Florida, Inc. - Board Member
- Paint St. Pete Proud - Team Captain for nine years
- United Way - Volunteer of the Year, 1993
- Brookwood - A Young Women's Residence - Volunteer of the Year, 1994
- March of Dimes˜ Volunteer of the Year, 1995
- University of South Florida - Campus Advisory Board
- St. Petersburg Junior College - Business Advisory Board
- Pinellas County Urban League - Board Member *
- St. Petersburg Area of Chamber of Commerce - Legislative Affairs Council
- Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce *
- Largo Chamber of Commerce *
- Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee *
- Republican Party of Florida (RPOF), Executive Committee, 2003 – 2005
- Bush-Cheney Re-Elect – Co-chair, Pinellas County, 2004
- Pinellas County Industry Council 1999
- PEMHS - Mental Health Board of Directors, since 1999 *
- Northside Hospital & Heart Institute - Board of Trustees, 1999 - 2002
- Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Board, 1999 - 2002
- Partners for Highway Safety, Board of Directors, 2000-2003
- VFW-A #4364, Chair, Government Affairs *
- National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) – Executive Committee, 1999 - 2002
- National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) – Natural Disaster Committee Chairman, 2002
- Ivory Club, since 1998 *

- Florida Holocaust Museum. Member since 1999 *
- Mayor Rudy Giuliani for President, Co-Chair, Pinellas County, 2007, 2008
- Hometown Democracy Scam – Speaker's Bureau, since 2007 *
- Florida Farm Bureau, Pinellas County, Legislative Committee *

1998-2006 FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE/COUNCIL/COMMISSION & DELEGATION ASSIGNMENTS

- Finance & Taxation Committee
- Water & Resource Management Committee
- Insurance Committee – Co-Chair & Chairman
- Procedural & Redistricting Council
- Colleges & Universities Committee
- Competitive Commerce Council
- Elder & Long Term Care Committee
- Governor's Commission on Workers Compensation Reform
- Select Committee on Florida's Economic Future
- Select Committee on Oversight of Florida's Department of Children & Families
- Appropriations Committee
- Transportation Committee
- Procedural Committee
- Rules Committee
- Policy Committee
- Legislative Budget Commission
- Select Committee on Collective Bargaining
- Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations, Chairman
- Select Committee on the Economic Future of Florida
- Pinellas County Legislative Delegation, Chairman
- Select Committee on Affordable Housing
- Hurricane Preparedness Workgroup, Chairman
- Joint Select Committee on Hurricane Insurance, Co-Chairman
- Fiscal Council
- Rules and Calendar Council
- Ethics and Elections Committee
- Governor's Commission on the Future of Space and Aeronautics in Florida

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LEGISLATIVE RANKINGS/RECOGNITION

- Florida Chamber of Commerce "Top 40 Legislator," 1999 - 2006
- American Massage Therapy Association, Florida Chapter, 1999
- The Florida Association of Health Maintenance Organizations, Inc., 1999
- Florida Student Association, 2000
- Florida Association Insurance Agents, Legislative Leadership Award, 2000
- Florida Assisted Living Association, 2000
- Governor's Hurricane Conference Legislative Award, 2001
- Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Citation of Merit, 2001
- Florida Workers' Advocates, Representative of the Year, 2001
- Associated Builders and Contractors, "Supporter of Free Enterprise," 2001-

2006
- Florida Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, Representative of the Year, 2001
- Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services, PACE Award, 2001
- Florida Holocaust Museum, 2001,2006
- City of Clearwater, 2001
- Healthy Start of Pinellas, 2001
- The Florida Bar, 2001, President's Legislative Award, 2003
- The Florida League of Conservation Voters – Ranked 57/120 pro-environmental issues, 2001
- Florida Small Business Award/Florida Chamber – Representative of the Year, 2002
- The American Legion, 2002
- Florida Humanities Council/Center for Teachers, 2002, 2003, 2005
- St. Petersburg Police Department, 2002
- Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, 2002
- Help-A-Child, Inc., 2002, 2006
- Pinellas Park Middle School PSTA, Certificate of Appreciation, 2003
- Florida Economic Development Council, Legislator of the Year, 2003
- Florida Youth Conservation Corps, 2003
- City of Pinellas Park, 2003
- Florida Airports Council, Aviation Leadership Award, 2003
- Public Risk and Insurance Management Association, 2003
- The Tampa Bay Library Consortium, 2003
- City of Largo, 2003
- Florida Library Association, 2003
- Pinellas Marine Institute, 2003
- 2-1-1 Tampa Bay, 2004
- Florida's Association of Weatherization Programs, 2004
- Florida Aviation Trades Association Legislator of the Year, 2004
- Worknet Pinellas, 2004
- Florida Suncoast Safe Kids Coalition, 2004
- Center for American Women and Politics, 2004 – Good Housekeeping Award for Women in Government, Honorable Mention
- Area Agency on Aging, 2004
- Gulfcoast Jewish Family Center, 2004
- Florida Automotive Industry Association, 2004
- International Republican Institute (IRI), 2004,2006
- Florida Housing Coalition, 2004
- Florida Association of State Troopers, 2004
- National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) – 100% "The Voice of Small Business," 2004
- Girl Scouts, 2004
- Pinellas County Legislative Delegation, 2003-2004
- Tampa Bay Library Consortium Champion, 2004
- Log Cabin Republicans, The Big Tent Award, 2004
- Florida Movers and Warehousemen's Association, Legislator of the Year, 2005
- Florida Library Association Legislative Award, 2005
- Shaken Baby Alliance "Angel Award", 2005
- Humane Society of Leon County, 2005

- Florida Association of Community Colleges, 2005
- All Children's Hospital/Safe Kids Coalition, Certificate of Appreciation,2005
- Remington College, Largo Campus, 2005
- All Children's Hospital, 2005
- Safe Children's Coalition, 2005
- St. Petersburg College, 2005, 2006
- Directions for Mental Health, Inc., 2006
- American Cancer Society – Relay for Life, Seminole, Honorary Chairman, 2006
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Fundraising, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009
- Blooming Place for Kids, 2006
- City of Titusville, SPACE FLORIDA legislation, May 30, 2006
- The Belleair Women's Republican Club, 2006
- Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society, Legislator of the Year, 2006
- Personal Enrichment through Mental Health (PEMHS) – Main campus named – Leslie Waters Behavioral Services Center
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Legislator of the Year, 2006
- Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc., Hi-Five Program, Honorary Host Committee, 2006
- Family Service Centers, Inc. – "Advocacy Award," 2006.
- Junior Achievement of the Suncoast – "Legislative Hero Award," 2006
- Pinellas County Board of Commissioners, Certificate of Appreciation, 2006
- National Junior Achievement Bronze Leadership Award, 2006.
- Florida Holocaust Museum, Dedication of a Leslie Waters Trunk, 2007
- Pinellas County Urban League, President's Award, 1998-2007
- Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc., Hi-Five Program, Auctioneer, 2008.
- 22nd Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference Recognition, Ft. Lauderdale, 2008
- George Hieber Outstanding Republican of the Year Award, 2007
- H-51 Annual Open House events – benefited "The Greatest Generation," "The Troops;" "Can Good ," Homebound Seniors," and "Back-to-School Supplies" Drives; "Books for Brookwood," "Catch the Warm," (blankets and socks for the homeless), 1999-2006
- Salvation Army, Bellringers Extraordinaire, 2005-2008; Individual Red Kettle Award, 2008

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- Governor Jeb Bush, bill signing on May 30, 2006, SPACE FLORIDA ACT
- Governor Jeb Bush, bill signing on June 1, 2005, Homeowner's Insurance legislation
- Governor's Hurricane Conference, Tampa, May 26, 2004; Speaker Opening Session
- Sponsored House Memorial (HM 1291/SM 2522) which was sent to the Congress and the United States Department of Defense to encourage them to award the Mobile User Objective System (MUOS) contract to Honeywell/Raytheon, 2004
- Governor Jeb Bush held a bill signing ceremony July 15, 2003 for the Workers' Compensation Reform legislation co-sponsored by Representative Leslie Waters.
- Governor Jeb Bush held a bill signing ceremony in June 2002 for legislation

on Shaken Baby Syndrome, this bill led to a $25,000 “NEVER NEVER Shake a Baby” billboard campaign throughout Pinellas County

- Governor Jeb Bush held a bill signing ceremony on August 21, 2001 for the PIP/Fraud Bill, the most significant automobile insurance legislation passed in three decades. This anti-fraud, pro-consumer bill was sponsored by Representative Waters, Chair of the House Insurance Committee
- Governor Jeb Bush held a bill signing ceremony after the 2001 Legislature adjourned for the Nursing Home Reform legislation; Representative Waters, Member of the Elder and Long Term Committee, co-sponsored
- Governor Jeb Bush held a bill signing ceremony during the 2001 Legislative Session for the Dale Earnhardt/Public Record Exemption/autopsy photos; Representative Waters co-sponsored HB1083
- Governor Jeb Bush held a bill signing ceremony on June 8, 2000 for the Patients’ Protection Act of 2000, a bill sponsored by Representative Waters
- Governor Jeb Bush held a bill signing ceremony on June 9, 1999 for Representative Waters’ first major bill, the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund
- Testified to a Congressional Field Hearing on July 12, 1999, regarding crisis of homeowner’s insurance availability in disaster prone areas. Sponsors: Congressmen McCollum (FL) and Lazio (NY)

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- National Conference of Insurance Legislators, February 1999, July 1999, July 2000, November 2000, March 2001, July 2001, November 2001, February 2002, July 2002
- American Legislative Exchange Conference, August 1999
- James Madison Institute – a nine day legislative training, 2000-2001
- National Conference for Political Professionals, 2003
- National Foundation of Women Legislators, 2004
- State Government Affairs Council/Leaders’ Policy Conference, 2005
- State Legislative Leaders, Term Limits Forum, 2005

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- Travel – In over 50 countries since 1965; Western & Eastern Europe, Mexico, North, Central & South America, Caribbean, North Africa, Asia
- Employment – Surveyor Firm, London, England; Summer, 1969
- Democracy Training, “How to Be Effective Elected Leaders,” 90 newly elected officials – International Republican Institute (IRI), Indonesia; Summer, 2004
- Legislative Office Reception-Indonesian Delegation; ACYPL/USF, April, 2005
- Legislative Leaders Study Tour to China, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); Summer, 2005
- Democracy Training, Conflict Resolution/Team Building Workshops; – International Republican Institute (IRI); Burmese Political Exiles in Thailand and India; June, 2006
- Legislative Office Roundtable & Campaign Event – Kazakhstan Delegation, IRI, 2006
- Democracy Training – “How to Advocate Your Government,” workshops facilitated with 90 women activists - IRI, Sri Lanka, July 2007

LESLIE WATERS GOVERNMENT RELATIONS – Clients/Speaking Engagements

- Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services, Inc. (PEMHS), advocating D.C. for the Family Emergency Treatment Center, Pinellas Park, Florida, 2007 & 2008
- Faces of Courage, PR, Research/Referrals, Tampa, Florida, 2007
- Florida Candy Factory, taffy product mediation with Disney, Clearwater, 2007
- Political Action Workshops-, "Political Action…a Business Strategy." Pinellas, Hillsborough and Lee Counties
- Advanced Claims and Inspection Services, Maitland, Florida, 2007 & 2008
- Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC), annual conference, Guest Speaker, St. Petersburg, Florida, 2007
- Florida Aviation Trade Association, Speaker, Sarasota, Florida, 2007
- Florida Education Foundation Consortium, Speaker, Tampa, Florida, 2007
- Florida Chamber of Commerce, Political Institute, Presenter, Orlando, Florida, 2007
- Florida Association of Insurance Agents, Workshop Facilitator, Tallahassee, Florida, 2008
- Florida Sod Growers Consortium, Workshop Facilitator, Ft. Pierce, Florida, 2008
- National Women's Business Council, Facilitator, Boca Raton, Florida, 2008
- 22nd Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference, Workshop Facilitator, Ft. Lauderdale, 2008, 2009
- Global Automotive After Market Symposium, Keynote Presenter, Chicago, 2008
- Automotive Recyclers Association, Workshop Coordinator, Nashville, 2008
- Freedom Square - Men's Club, Seminole, Florida, 2008
- Business and Professional Women, St. Petersburg, Florida, 2008
- American Business Women's Association, Seminole, Florida, 2009.
- Seminole AM Kiwanis, 2008; Seminole PM Kiwanis, 2009

PERSONAL

Lifelong resident of Pinellas County; Married to Al Waters since 1976; Member of Pasadena Community Church; two dachshunds, Arnie & Jack

Up-dated - March 2009