

Profile

Dean

First Name

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Middle Initial

Strickland

Last Name

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Email Address

2427 Saber Ct.

Home Address

Suite or Apt

CLEARWATER

City

FL

State

33759

Postal Code

Mobile: (918) 654-0534

Primary Phone

Home: (727) 953-8802

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency - please select one. \*

☒ 6+ years

Do you own or represent a business in Clearwater?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, where is the business located? Do you conduct business with the City?

N/A

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Municipal Code Enforcement Board: Submitted

Retired

Employer

Retired

Job Title

Occupation - If retired, enter former occupation.

Attorney/Business Executive

Have you served or do you serve on a board in Clearwater?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list the name of the board.

Municipal Code Enforcement Board

**Why do you wish to serve on this board/committee? If seeking reappointment, state why you should be reappointed.**

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I retired to spend more time with my family, but my youngest children are now in college and I am ready to serve the community and utilize my expertise. I can think of no better way to spend some of my extra time than helping preserve the health, safety and welfare of the City of Clearwater and its citizens. I have served on the Board since March 2025 and believe that I have been a solid contributing member.

**What personal qualifications can you bring to this board or committee?**

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In addition to having served on the Board since March 2025, I have lived in Clearwater since May 29, 2009 and have a unique blend of business and legal experience as reflected in my Resume attached below. I have an undergraduate degree in Government from the College of William & Mary and a J.D. from the University of Miami. I oversaw real estate, construction, environmental and image activities for a nationwide company, dealing with numerous local code enforcement issues. I managed FDOT legal staff, balancing State and constituent needs, while upholding statutory, local and other laws, rules and regulations regarding transportation infrastructure, signage and related matters. I am an excellent listener and problem solver.

**List Community Activities**

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City of Clearwater Municipal Code Enforcement Board member since March 2025 Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma Board of Directors, Property Committee Chair City of Tulsa Municipal Court Early Settlement Program, Volunteer Mediator Coach: flag football, soccer, basketball and baseball HOA Boards in Virginia and Oklahoma

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Upload a Resume

Question applies to multiple boards

[DeanStricklandVoterReg.pdf](#)

Please attach a copy of your current voter registration within city limits.

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Please attach a copy of one of the following documents: 1) valid current Florida Driver License issued to an address within city limits, or 2) Declaration of Domicile filed with the city clerk affirming residency within city limits.

Question applies to multiple boards

**Are you related to any member of the City Council?**

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

**If yes, please provide name and explain relation.**

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N/A

Question applies to multiple boards

**Are you related to a city employee?**

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

**If yes, please provide name and explain relation.**

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N/A

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## Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts. (Optional)

## Ethnicity

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☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

## Gender

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☒ Male

07/01/1954

Date of Birth

**The City of Clearwater strives to promote diversity and provide reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities. If you are requesting accommodation, please indicate below:**

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None

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**By clicking on "I Agree," below, I affirm that the information above is true and correct, and that I understand and agree to the responsibilities and commitment of time associated with an appointment to a Clearwater advisory board or committee.**

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☒ I Agree

All material submitted to the City of Clearwater is subject to the public records law of the State of Florida including Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

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### EXPERIENCE

#### **Florida Department of Transportation, Tampa, FL**

2009 - 2018

##### *Chief Counsel, District Seven*

Served as part of the Office of General Counsel statewide leadership team, coordinating and directing the activities of the attorneys and support staff assigned to the Department's District Seven office, including the negotiation, drafting and review of contracts, funding agreements, joint project agreements, intergovernmental agreements, and permits. Also monitored public records requests and eminent domain activity. Responsible for providing day-to-day legal advice to the executive leadership of the District.

- Co-leader of statewide Real Estate practice group.
- Managed District legal staff transition from decentralized district-based organizational structure to centralized Office of General Counsel team practice model.
- Served as Interim Chief Counsel for District One (October 2012 – February 2013).
- Member of Office of General Counsel Function Business Plan Development Team.

#### **Dollar Thrifty Automotive Group, Inc., Tulsa, OK**

1995 - 2008

##### *Vice President, Properties & Concessions*

Senior level executive providing overall direction and decision making for airport concession, real estate, construction, environmental, image and business license strategies and functions for the Dollar Rent A Car and Thrifty Car Rental brands throughout the United States and Canada. Promoted from *Staff Vice President* in 1997, after consolidating several units of Dollar Rent A Car Systems, Inc. and Pentastar Services, Inc., in preparation for the December 1997 IPO by Chrysler.

- Developed strategies and oversaw preparation of airport concession bids, negotiation and legal review of airport agreements, and airport relations for more than 100 corporate airport locations with aggregate contract obligations in excess of \$100 million annually.
- Planned strategies and supervised site selection, negotiation and legal review of leases, disposition of surplus property, and landlord/tenant relations for more than 300 corporate rental locations, service facilities and other properties with aggregate annual lease obligations in excess of \$25 million.
- Oversaw management of construction projects, including design, planning, budgeting, negotiation of contracts, and monitoring to completion. Individual capital project costs were up to \$12 million, with total annual expenditures of about \$20 million. Company participated in consolidated rental car facility projects with total proprietary and industry common area construction costs in some instances exceeding \$200 million.
- Directed staff responsible for environmental, image, and business license compliance. Completely revised manuals and control systems. Centralized monitoring and remediation activities for more than 100 underground storage tanks. Enforced image standards throughout corporate and worldwide franchise systems.
- Developed and analyzed departmental databases, budgets, forecasts and personnel requirements. Oversaw facility management and services for 270,000 square feet of headquarters office space.

#### **Pentastar Services, Inc., Tulsa, OK**

1993 – 1995

##### *Corporate Attorney*

Provided legal advice to the Dollar, Thrifty and Snappy car rental subsidiaries of Pentastar, a Chrysler holding company. Primarily responsible for airport concession, real estate, environmental and contract matters. Assisted in divestiture of General Rent-A-Car leases and assets upon acquisition by Dollar Rent A Car.

- Developed strategies and negotiated terminations, transfers and other dispositions of General Rent-A Car airport concession agreements, leases, fixed assets and service contracts. Reduced total lease and concession obligations from \$40 million to \$8 million.

- Negotiated settlement agreement between the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Dollar and the Dollar franchisee to terminate Dollar's concession obligation at the BWI Airport and create a sublease with the Thrifty franchisee, saving Dollar more than one million dollars.

**Dynasty Express Corp. d/b/a General Rent-A Car,** Hollywood, FL 1990 – 1993

*Director of Properties, Concessions and Legal Affairs*

Created and ran department responsible for all airport concession, real estate, construction and environmental activities. Number of locations increased from 38 to 90. Provided legal advice regarding all other company matters.

**Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A.,** Ft. Lauderdale, FL 1987 – 1990

*Associate*

Primary areas of practice were bankruptcy, corporate transactions and commercial litigation. Began as *Summer Associate*. Continued as intern until graduating early and passing the Florida Bar Exam in February 1988.

**University of Miami Law & Economics Center,** Coral Gables, FL 1986 – 1987

*Research Associate*

Assisted Director with preparation of comprehensive manual: *The Role of Privatization in Florida's Growth*.

**National Refrigerator Leasing Company,** Arlington, VA 1980 – 1984

*President*

Operated company primarily engaged in renting refrigerators to college students and military personnel throughout the United States. Assisted in Mercedes import, publishing, consulting and other affiliated enterprises. Began as *Director of Operations*.

**Omni International Hotels, Inc.,** Norfolk, VA 1977 – 1980

*Operations Analyst*

Designed, implemented and maintained various analytical and control systems for a large convention hotel. Promoted from *Accountant* and *Director of Purchasing* positions.

## EDUCATION

**University of Miami School of Law,** Coral Gables, FL

*J.D., January 1988*

- Dean's Merit Scholarship
- Moot Court Negotiation Competition, Semi-finalist, 1986 & 1987

**College of William & Mary,** Williamsburg, VA

*B.A., Government, May 1976*

- Student Government Association, President
- Sigma Chi Fraternity, Social Chairman
- Jobs after school and during summers included: musician/vocalist, concert stagehand, camp counselor, night auditor, construction laborer, golf caddy, psychology lab assistant and stockroom assistant.

## OTHER

- Florida Bar member, 1988-2023
- Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma Board of Directors, Third Vice Chair, Property Committee Chair
- City of Tulsa Municipal Court Early Settlement Program, Volunteer Mediator
- Coach flag football, soccer and baseball