

Michelle Anchors

Michelle Anchors and her family have been leaders in the Fort Walton Beach /Destin community for six generations. Ms. Anchors is a graduate of Vanderbilt University (B.A. 1987) and the University of Florida College of Law (J.D. 1991).

Following her graduation from law school, Ms. Anchors served as a law clerk to Justice Parker Lee McDonald on the Florida Supreme Court. She subsequently served as Deputy General Counsel to former Governor Lawton Chiles and was a member of his staff when he served in the United States Senate. Ms. Anchors depth of government and administrative knowledge allow her to match the needs of her private sector clients with the most efficient and effective solutions.

Ms. Anchors provides counsel to many businesses, condominiums' and homeowners' associations along the Emerald Coast. She has received the highest rating offered by her professional peers in the Martindale Hubbell peer review system and been named "Legal Elite" by (2011, 2010) *Florida Trend* magazine.

In addition to her law practice, Ms. Anchors is committed to a number of issues and organizations in her community.

In 2012, Ms. Anchors was honored to serve as one of the founding members and first President of IMPACT 100 of Northeast Florida, which provides significant funding to local non-profit organizations. She was appointed by Governor Bush and Governor Crist to serve as the Chair of the Committee for a Sustainable Emerald Coast and was named the Emerald Coast's "Best Corporate Citizen." In addition, she has served as President of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce and former Chair of the Okaloosa County School Readiness Coalition. She served on the Board of Directors of the University of West Florida Foundation and on the Board of Directors of the Fort Walton Beach Medical Center.

Ms. Anchors, her husband Steve Medina and their two children are active members of St. Simon's Episcopal Church. She enjoys long distance open water swimming, playing the piano, and backpacking with her family.