

## Michael Cox

Michael has been a financial service professional since 1996 and focuses on qualified retirement plans for businesses & investment planning for individuals. Michael is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ practitioner, he holds the positions of Associate Vice President – Investments and Assistant Branch Manager. Michael is a graduate of the Pinellas Vocational Technical Institute and the University of South Florida Financial Planner Program. Michael has served as a Trustee to the Florida Local Government Investment Trust overseeing over \$1 billion of public money.

Originally from Springfield, IL, Michael's family moved to Pasco County when he was six. Michael's greatest love in life is his wife Abbey who he married in 1993. Abbey is a pharmaceutical representative and works in the Tampa Bay area. They share their New Port Richey home with two rambunctious dogs Mason & Cooper. He enjoys fishing, boating and volunteering for community projects through active involvement in several organizations including:

- State of Florida Commission on Ethics – Member, Appointed by the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives 2014-Present
- Morton Plant Mease Finance Committee and NorthBay Hospital – Board Member
- Trinity-Odessa Chamber of Commerce – Founding Chairman of the Board
- Rotary Club of Trinity – Member
- Rotary Club of Holiday – Past President
- Pasco Economic Development Council – Task Force Chairman
- Friends of Animal Services – Founding Member
- Pasco Safety Town – Founding Member

Starting at the age of 23 when he became the youngest elected public official in the State of Florida Michael has had the honor of holding several elected positions:

- Council Member and Vice Mayor City of Port Richey 1987-1991
- Mayor City of Port Richey 1991-1993
- Pasco County Commissioner and Vice Chair Pasco County Board of County Commissioners 2006-2010

Michael's community dedication has been recognized by the West Pasco Chamber of Commerce with their Outstanding Public Servant Award. The West Pasco Board of Realtors honored him with the Outstanding Government Service Award. He was named Rotarian of the year from Holiday Rotary and is a two time recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow from Rotary International.