# SHUMAKER

## **Community Associations**

### We give community associations the guidance and strategic counsel they need to operate efficiently and effectively.

Community associations are governed by a complex set of statutes, regulations, and documents. Our lawyers apply their knowledge of community association law to help associations on their day-to-day issues; draft and amend governing documents; collect past due assessments; and enforce their governing documents. We provide practical, results-driven counsel on a full spectrum of issues, ranging from election disputes to document inspections. Additionally, we provide opinion letters that actually answer the question being asked. When not representing the association, we also represent individual unit owners.

We have significant experience—and success—in helping clients interpret and enforce their governing documents. Clients turn to us to litigate election disputes, obtain injunctive relief against association members who violate restrictive covenants, record and foreclose claims of liens for unpaid assessments, and litigate the priority of those liens. We regularly counsel clients on day-to-day operations so they can avoid litigation. Our team also advises clients on various issues, such as how to conduct elections and board meetings, how to regulate leasing and sales, and how to draft and enforce architectural restrictions.

We have lawyers that are Board Certified in Condominium and Planned Development Law by The Florida Bar.

### OUR CLIENTS

- Community associations
- Board members
- Developers
- Individual unit owners

### RELATED STATUTES AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODES

- Chapter 718 Condominiums
- Chapters 61B-15 through 24, 45 and 50, Florida Administrative Code Condominiums
- Chapter 719 Cooperatives
- Chapter 61B-75 through 79, Florida Administrative Code Cooperatives
- Chapter 468 Part VIII Community Association Management
- Chapter 720 Homeowners' Association
- Chapters 61B-80 through 81, Florida Administrative Code Homeowners' Association
- Chapter 723 Mobile Home Park Lot Tenancies
- Chapters 61B-29 through 32 and 35, Florida Administrative Code – Mobile Homes





- Annual membership and board meetings
- Arbitration
- Architectural guidelines and architectural review procedures
- Bankruptcy issues
- Board certification training
- Budget adoption and notice compliance
- Collection of unpaid fines and assessments
- Conflicts of interest
- Construction defect litigation
- Contract review
- Corporate counsel
- DBPR issues
- Document inspections
- Drafting governing documents
- Elections
- Emotional support animals and service animals
- Enforcement of covenants and restrictions
- Estoppel certificates
- Fair Housing Act
- Financial reporting compliance
- Fining policies and procedures
- General counsel
- HUD complaints
- Hurricane policies
- Land use and zoning issues
- Levying special assessments
- Liens
- Litigation
- Maintenance responsibility
- Mediation
- Meeting notice review and compliance
- Mortgage foreclosures
- MRTA issues
- Opinion letters
- Recall of directors
- Rental policies
- Reserves
- Rogue board members
- Rules and regulations
- Revitalizing governing documents
- Turnovers of control from developers
- Water damage

