

2026 Hearing Officer Relevant Experience Chart

Name of Hearing Officer	Comments/ Relevant Experience
Richard Doody	Broward County hearing officer, 2017-present; hearing officer for Coconut Creek, North Lauderdale, and Coral Springs; City Attorney or Asst. City Attorney for four years; Asst. County Attorney for five years; 33-year practice focused on governmental and administrative law
Kristie M. Estevez-Puentes	Represented clients before municipal boards and agencies regarding code enforcement, zoning, building, unsafe structures, and compliance matters for over 13 years; member of Broward County Unsafe Structures Board for three years
Michael Flynn	Chair or Member of various local boards, including County Consumer Protection Board, City of Oakland Park Planning and Zoning Board; Asst. Attorney General for four years; law professor for 27 years, including consumer protection law, health law, and employment law
Richard S. Gendler	Hearing officer for five local jurisdictions for more than seven years, presiding over cases related to code enforcement, land use, zoning, and building regulations; arbitrator for various organizations for over five years
John Greco	Deputy and City Attorney for 17 years; Asst. School Board Attorney; Board Certified in City, County, and Local Government Law and Appellate Practice
Kerry Greenwald	Broward County hearing officer, 1991-present; Florida Certified Civil Litigation Mediator since 2006; extensive experience in construction law
Kevin Opolka	Broward County hearing officer, 2021-present; construction law practice experience and handling of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission hearings for over 30 years
Michele Samaroo	Over ten years as Deputy or Asst. City Attorney; special magistrate for DEO, Circuit Court, and local jurisdictions
Eugene M. Steinfeld	Broward County hearing officer, 2017-present; hearing officer for five other local jurisdictions; City Attorney for 38 years; Board Certified in City, County, and Local Government Law
Rafael E. Suarez-Rivas	Broward County hearing officer from 2003 - 2007 and 2017 - 2022; has served as hearing officer for eight cities; City Attorney for three years; Asst. City Attorney for 29 years; Asst. County Attorney for six years; Board Certified in City, County, and Local Government Law