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Hayden is the Chair of Greenberg Traurig's Governmental Affairs Practice for the State of Florida. He focuses his practice in the areas of lobbying and public policy advocacy, procurement, health care, Attorney General investigations, and election law. Hayden has extensive government experience having served in four governors' administrations. Combined with his many years as a private sector lobbyist and lawyer, Hayden is able to provide clients with an insider's understanding of state government and advise them on both public policy matters and strategic direction.

Before returning to Greenberg Traurig, Hayden served as Special Counsel to Gov. Rick Scott where he oversaw the Legislative Affairs Office and advised the Governor and his staff on legislative and public policy matters. As Gov. Scott's "top lobbyist," Hayden was responsible for passage of the Governor's legislative priorities. He also worked closely with the Governor's agencies to assist in development and passage of their legislative priorities.

Hayden was a shareholder at Greenberg Traurig before joining Gov. Scott's administration. He lobbied on behalf of numerous private and public clients before both the Legislature and state agencies and represented clients in procurement disputes, Attorney General investigations, health care regulatory matters, and election matters. Hayden has represented the presidential campaigns of Bush-Cheney '04, Florida and McCain-Palin 2008, and the gubernatorial campaigns of Gov. Rick Scott, Gov. Charlie Crist, and Gov. Jeb Bush. Hayden also successfully represented Congressman Vern Buchanan in the 2008 recount and Congressional contest of his election.

Hayden previously served as Legislative Affairs Director, Deputy General Counsel, and Special Counsel for Gov. Jeb Bush. He started his professional career working for Gov. Bob Martinez and Gov. Lawton Chiles.

Hayden has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* and is active in numerous professional, community and political organizations.

Areas of Concentration

- Lobbying and public policy advocacy
- Administration and regulatory litigation
- Procurement
- Attorney General investigations
- Health care regulation
- Election law
- State appropriations
- Healthcare
- Campaign finance

Professional & Community Involvement

- Member, Board of Directors, Enterprise Florida, Inc., the State of Florida's official economic development organization, 2011-Present
- Member, Board of Directors, Space Florida, 2011-Present
- Member, Capitol Region YMCA Board of Directors 2010-Present
- Member, Federal Judicial Nominating Commission appointed by Senator Mel Martinez, August 2005-2007
- Chair, Florida Chapter, Republican National Lawyers Association, 2006-2008

- Member, Board of Governors, Republican National Lawyer's Association, 2006-2008
 - Member, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (Gubernatorial Appointment), May 2004-January 2007
 - Member, Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee, 2002-Present
 - Member, Governor's Workers' Compensation Reform Commission (Gubernatorial Appointment), 2002-2003
 - Member, Board of Trustees, Florida TaxWatch, 2003-2004
 - Member, ABA House of Delegates, 2000-2002
 - Member, The Florida Bar
 - Member, American Bar Association
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Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *Best Lawyers in America*, 2007-2011
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Other Experience

- Co-Chair, Lawyers for McCain, 2006
 - Statewide Chair, Lawyers for Crist-Kottkamp
 - Statewide Chair, Lawyers for Bush-Cheney '04
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Articles, Publications & Lectures

Articles

- Featured, "Hayden Dempsey: Gov. Rick Scott's Valuable Insider," *Miami Herald*, July 5, 2011
- Featured, "Hayden Dempsey is the Insider in Gov. Rick Scott's Team of Outsiders," *St. Petersburg Times*, July 3, 2011
- Featured, "North Port's Money Really Talks," HeraldTribune.com, March 24, 2007
- Featured, "North Port Finds Success with Lobbyist," *Englewood Sun*, June 03, 2005
- Featured, "Law Teams Poised for Battle," *Miami Herald*, October 31, 2004
- Featured, "Florida's Population to Increase on Election Day," *USA Today*, October 28, 2004
- Featured, "Legal Battle for Presidency Underway," *Washington Post*, October 20, 2004
- Featured, "Lawyers Cram for Election Day," *St. Pete Times*, October 17, 2004
- Featured, "The New Breed," *St. Pete Times*, March 7, 2004

Lectures

- Lecturer, "Florida Election Law Seminar," Republican Party of Florida Annual Meeting, January 28, 2004
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Education

J.D., Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center, 1994

- *Nova Law Review*
- Moot Court Society
- Inns of Court

B.A., Political Science, Wake Forest University, 1990

Admitted to Practice

- Florida

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
 - U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
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