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## VERDICTS AND DISPOSITIONS

*Digennaro v. Malgrat, et. al.*  
*Jane Doe No. 53 et. al. v. The School Board of Monroe County,  
Florida*

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

Administrative Law  
Affordable Housing  
Appellate Practice  
Business and Real Estate Law  
Code Enforcement  
Commercial Litigation  
Construction and Construction Defect Litigation  
Contract Law (Drafting and Defense)  
Cyber Security  
Education Law  
Eminent Domain  
Ethics  
First and Third Party Property and Casualty Claims  
Labor and Employment Law  
Land Use and Zoning  
Medical Malpractice  
Municipal/Government Liability Defense  
Public Finance  
Public Procurement  
Public Records Law  
Public Sector Liability  
Special Counsel/Conflict Counsel

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## Florida Bar Certified in City, County and Local Government Law

Dirk M. Smits was born in Boca Raton, Florida. He attended and graduated from Tulane University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. During his years at Tulane, he was a member of Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Honor Society and on the Dean's List three (3) semesters. Mr. Smits attended law school at the University of Miami and graduated *Cum Laude*. While in law school, he received honors including Dean's List and an honors scholarship.

Mr. Smits' practice is concentrated primarily in City, County and Local Government Law and he has been certified as an expert by the Florida Bar for those areas. He serves as a Monroe County School Board Attorney, City Attorney for the City of Layton, Board Attorney for the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District, and Board Attorney for Key Largo Fire & EMS District. Mr. Smits formerly served as City Attorney for the City of Marathon and as a special counsel for Monroe County.

In service of the numerous government clients, Mr. Smits has handled every aspect of the practice. Matters include a range of routine meeting issues to complicated land use, acquisition and even eminent domain questions. Mr. Smits regularly drafts legal documents, resolutions, ordinances, contracts and legal opinions for his government clients.

Additionally, Mr. Smits has extensive jury trial experience at both the Federal and State level. In addition, Mr. Smits has appellate experience in the Third, Fourth and Fifth State District Courts of Appeal, as well as the Supreme Court of Florida.

Mr. Smits serves on the board of Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys as Vice President. Dirk is also a lector, Eucharistic minister and member of his parish's finance counsel. He founded Friends of San Pedro Catholic Church which is an endowment to provide for the capital needs of the church.

Sunshine Law  
Tax Referendum/Election Law

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## BAR & COURT ADMISSION

Florida Bar  
All State Courts in Florida  
U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida  
Member of the Florida School Board Attorneys Association  
Board Certified in City, County and Local Government Law

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## EDUCATION

*Graduate:*  
University of Miami Law School, Juris Doctor

*Honors:*  
*Cum Laude*  
Dean's List

*Undergraduate:*  
Tulane University, B.A. in Accounting

*Honors:*  
Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Honor Society

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## PUBLICATIONS

Smits, D. M. And E Fussell. 2004. Introduction to Florida Sunshine Law. In: Rutledge, C.R. (Ed.) Florida Mosquito Control Handbook, Third Edition. Florida Mosquito Control Association, Ft. Myers, FL. 7 pp.