

Brian Accardo

General Counsel and Chief of Staff

Brian Accardo joined the District in January 2016 as General Counsel and took on the additional role of Chief of Staff in September 2017. He previously held leadership positions at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for five years, serving as a program director and as special counsel.

In 2013, the American Bar Association awarded Accardo the Distinguished Environmental Advocates Award for his accomplishments and contribution to the development of law, policy, and programs in the areas of energy and the environment.

Prior to joining the Department of Environmental Protection, Accardo practiced environmental law in Tallahassee. Earlier in his career, he worked as a project manager at a South Florida engineering and construction firm.

Accardo received a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from the University of Florida and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law.

Accardo provides and supervises legal services in support of the agency's mission responsibilities. Key program areas include negotiations and dispute resolution, resource protection rulemaking, litigation, preventive law, public records and Sunshine Law.