

## Timothy M. Cerio

Timothy M. Cerio serves as the General Counsel of the Florida Department of Health. With over 16,000 employees and a 2.2 billion-dollar budget, the Florida Department of Health is responsible for regulating all licensed health care practitioners and delivering public health services throughout the State of Florida. As General Counsel, Tim oversees a statewide team of approximately 75 lawyers, and provides advice and counsel to the Secretary and other Department leaders on legal issues impacting the operation and administration of the Department of Health.

Tim was raised in Bradenton, Florida, and received his B.A. degree in Political Science from the University of Florida in 1990. During his tenure at the University, Tim was appointed by Governor Lawton Chiles to serve as the Student Member of the Florida Board of Regents. Additionally, Tim received the Outstanding Male Leader award for his graduating class, was a member of the Florida Blue Key leadership honorary, and was elected to the University of Florida Hall of Fame. Tim earned his J.D. degree, with honors, from the University of Florida College of Law in 1995. During law school, Tim was a member of the Florida Law Review Editorial Board.

Tim has served as a law clerk to the Honorable Thomas G. Wilson, United States Magistrate Judge for the Middle District of Florida. Before joining the Department, Tim was a partner in the law firm of GrayRobinson, P.A. where his practice focused on state and local government law, including representation of clients in regulatory, administrative, and quasi-judicial proceedings, as well as federal and state public procurement matters and bid protest disputes. Tim also has experience representing professionals in licensing/credentialing matters and in complex commercial litigation. Tim is admitted to practice in all Florida state courts, as well as the United States District Courts for the Middle and Northern Districts of Florida, the United States Court of Federal Claims, and the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.