



## Hal Francke

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### **BACKGROUND**

Hal and his wife Madeline are residents of Winnetka, Illinois. They have three children--Kallie (fiancé Mike), Blair and Will. They have been vacationing at The Palms since it opened in 2005 and the owners of Units 3204/3205 since 2014. They now travel to Providenciales three to four times a year.

Hal and Madeline treasure the many wonderful friendships they've made over the years with Palms owners, Palms management and Palms staff. They take pride in their commitment to the well-being of that staff which works day/in-day/out to make their frequent stays in the TCI so memorable.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Hal is an equity partner at Meltzer, Purtill & Stelle, LLC, a Chicago-based law firm that concentrates its practice on real estate, middle market corporate and banking/secured lending transactions. Hal's practice focuses on real estate development, zoning and infrastructure construction. Hal has had primary responsibility for land use and development matters for parcels throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. These developments have encompassed all forms of land use, including large-scale mixed-use planned developments, single-family residential, multi-family residential, senior housing, office, commercial, industrial and institutional uses such as schools and houses of worship. Hal has also participated extensively in the drafting of state legislation of significance to both the local government and development communities.

Before joining Meltzer, Purtill Stelle, Hal was a partner at DLA Piper (US) LLP and its predecessor law firms where he practiced for 34 years.

In past years, Madeline (a professional interior designer) and Hal have purchased, constructed, renovated and sold multiple single-family and multiple-family residential structures.

### **EDUCATION, ADMISSIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Hal received his Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from the University of Chicago in 1974 and his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1979. That same year he was admitted to the Illinois bar and to the bar of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

In 2012 Hal was named *Best Lawyers' 2013 Chicago Land Use and Zoning Law Lawyer of the Year*. Over the years, he has been consistently recognized as an Illinois *Super Lawyer* and a *Leading Lawyer* and he has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*.

### **OTHER AFFILIATIONS**

Hal is a member of the Chicago Bar Association and the Ely Chapter of Lambda Alpha, the International Land and Economics Society. He was a member of the Winnetka Zoning Board of Appeals and a founding and former Board member of the Harold E. Eisenberg Foundation, the Highland Park Illinois Community Land Trust, the Lake County Affordable Housing Commission and the Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County. He has also served on the Board of his local homeowners association and acted as its counsel on numerous issues of local concern.