

HAROLD W. FRANCKE (HAL)

Hal and his wife Madeline reside in Winnetka, Illinois. They first came to The Palms with their family when the resort opened in 2005. In August, 2014, after many return trips to our beautiful resort, they acquired Units 3204 and 3205. Since then, they have been spending between six and eight weeks a year on island.

At the 2018 Annual General Meeting, Hal was elected to the Strata Executive Committee. He is now running for re-election at the 2021 AGM. In the past, Hal has actively participated in the consideration of major capital improvements to Strata assets (for example, the new elevators), the review of contracts that have provided for the construction of those improvements and rehabilitation of other Strata improvements (for example, the swimming pool), and the resolution of disputes with contractors who have undertaken the work described by those contracts. He is hoping to continue in that role and do what he can to assure that The Palms retains its status as one of the premier high-end resorts on Providenciales and in the Caribbean.

Hal is a capital partner at the law firm of Meltzer, Purtil & Stelle LLC, which has offices in Chicago and Schaumburg, Illinois. He joined the firm in 2013 after spending 34 years at DLA Piper LLP (US), an international business law firm, and its predecessor component law firms. Hal has concentrated his practice over the past 40 +years in real estate development and land use matters for commercial, industrial, office, institutional and residential projects. He has represented both public and privately-owned national and local corporate entities, developers and homebuilders, and not-for-profit educational and religious institutions. In 2012 and 2019, Hal was named *Best Lawyers' Chicago Land Use & Zoning Law Lawyer of the Year*.

Hal was a founding board member of the Harold E. Eisenberg Foundation, the Lake County (Illinois) Affordable Housing Commission, the Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County, and the Highland Park Illinois Community Land Trust (now known as Community Partners for Affordable Housing). He has provided *pro bono* legal services over his many years of practice to educational, religious and nature conservancy organizations and to a local YWCA that provides shelter and counseling services to victims of domestic abuse. He is currently a member of the Lambda Alpha International Land Economics Society (Ely Chapter) and the Chicago Bar Association.

Hal received his Bachelor of Arts degree, with special honors, from the University of Chicago and his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law, where he was a member of the law school's national Moot Court Team.