



# Florida Sheriffs Association

## Honorary Sheriff

**Bill Powers**

**2015**

Bill Powers served as General Counsel of the Florida Sheriffs Association from 1999 until 2011. However, he was providing advice to the FSA and to individual sheriffs for many years prior to being named General Counsel.

Mr. Powers' subject matter expertise was based upon his years of experience in labor and employment law in both the public and private sectors. He served as a Supervising Attorney and Trial Specialist for the National Labor Relations Board from 1969-76, General Counsel for the Public Employees Relations Commission (PERC) from 1976-79, and chair of PERC from 1980-84.

Bill Powers made a career of defending sheriffs in employment cases and representing them in collective bargaining. He was instrumental in establishing hot lines for sheriffs and their staff to provide legal advice on matters ranging from public records to personnel issues. In April 2003, Bill merged his practice with Allen, Norton, and Blue, P. A. Mr. Powers officially accepted his title of "Honorary Sheriff" during the 2015 Florida Sheriffs Association's Summer Conference in Fort Lauderdale.

