

# John Cottle Named Managing Shareholder of Becker & Poliakoff's Fort Walton Beach, Florida Office

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By: In Memoriam - John Cottle, (1952-2018)

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**FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla. - January 5, 2016** - Becker & Poliakoff announced that John Cottle has assumed the role of managing shareholder of the firm's Fort Walton Beach, Fla., office following the retirement of Raymond F. Newman, who founded the office in 1998. Newman's retirement was effective December 31, 2015, and Cottle began his new position on January 1.

At Becker & Poliakoff, Newman focused his practice on condominium and homeowner association law. Throughout his career, he received many accolades and awards and frequently lectured on community association issues.

Cottle, who has practiced law for more than 35 years, focuses his practice on litigation of real estate and business disputes, representation of condominiums and community associations and general civil litigation. His experience includes cases ranging from insurance fraud and shareholder disputes to personal injury and products liability cases. He is board-certified in Civil Trial Law by The Florida Bar.

"We thank Ray for his many years of dedicated service in building and leading our Fort Walton office," said Gary C. Rosen, managing shareholder of the firm. "As John assumes leadership of the office, we look forward to continuing to meet the region's needs for the high-quality legal counsel our firm is known to provide."

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