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Owen, Galloway & Myers, PLLC

A Firm With a Legacy of Legal Excellence

It is a Gulfport-based law firm that has been around for over 27 years. The senior partners have over 70 years of combined legal experience. Yet, longevity tells only part of the story of Owen, Galloway & Myers. It is also a story of community heritage.

The two founding partners—Joe Sam Owen and Ben Galloway—have deep ties to the Mississippi Coast. They graduated two years apart from Gulfport High School. “Obviously, we never envisioned practicing law together,” says Owen. “It has been a partnership that has worked well. It is difficult for small law firms to remain intact over a period of time.” Since the formation of the firm, Owen has been involved in many complex civil and criminal matters throughout the state.

Owen and Galloway graduated from the University of Mississippi Law School, and by 1982 joined forces in a firm with rich roots in the community. With offices on 25th Ave. in the Gulfport business district, Owen says, “My dad grew up just five blocks north of my office.”

The Mississippi Coast connections continue with partner Robert Myers Jr. from Pascagoula. The firm’s community ties go beyond legal matters. Owen is active in community and church affairs, has helped build ball fields and is a long-time volunteer high school baseball coach.



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White-Collar Criminal Defense

Owen, Galloway & Myers is a diverse firm with a primary focus on federal and state litigation. It is known statewide as a firm that has successfully handled complex criminal cases. Owen earned a reputation in white-collar defense, reaching successful outcomes in cases involving bank fraud, mail and wire fraud, tax evasion, money laundering and other related criminal matters. Owen is no stranger to high-profile cases.

“Over the years I have represented a panorama of professionals,” says Owen. “I represented district attorneys, judges, mayors, supervisors, accountants, practicing lawyers and physicians who have experienced an array of legal problems.”

Most recently, Owen was able to effect a dismissal of 19 counts in a Katrina-related fraud indictment against former Gulfport Mayor Brent Warr and all 20 counts against his wife. Owen’s work ethic and aggressive defense of the case proved productive. Warr received probation on one count.

The firm also helped Katrina victims, handling over 300 cases of hurricane-related insurance disputes for individuals and businesses dealing with structure and personal property claims and claims for loss of income.

Owen thinks knowing the community’s heritage and needs, and having decades-old ties to the community, can be key in reaching settlements.

“We have satisfactorily resolved 95 percent of the Katrina cases,” Owen says. “Our reputation and past litigation success help to resolve cases. We have the respect of both sides of the bar and our fair-minded approach to settlement has proved beneficial. We are able to effect settlements that benefit both parties.”

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