

## Charles R. Fletcher

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Charles “Chip” Fletcher, 38, is currently a partner with the law firm of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP. He practices primarily in the areas of water, environmental and government law. He has represented public and private clients throughout Florida, including South Florida utilities affected by implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

He is rated “AV” by the *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*, the highest rating for ethical and legal competence, and in 2004 he was named one of *Florida Trend’s* “up and coming legal elite.”

Fletcher was an adjunct professor of Environmental Law at Stetson University College of Law. In addition, he has published several law journal articles. He has also presented at national and international conferences.

He was appointed as an interim member of Tampa City Council and served from December 2006 through March 31, 2007.

Prior to entering private practice in 1997, Fletcher served as staff for the Florida House of Representatives Committee on Water and Resource Management where he focused on water and local governmental law. He participated in development of landmark legislation revising Florida water law.

Fletcher received his Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering from Florida Institute of Technology in 1991. He was an Environmental Engineer with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of Water in Washington, D.C. He received his Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, from Florida State University College of Law.

Fletcher lives in South Tampa and has a four-year-old daughter.