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With Gratitude

Remembering Peter T. Hofstra (1952–2026)

When Peter retired, he reflected with gratitude on a career that began as a law clerk and grew into a lifetime of service. He credited the firm’s success to the attorneys and staff he worked alongside and expressed particular appreciation for his longtime assistant, Karen Snyder.

“Peter was the only father figure for me. I miss him very much,” said Karen. “I feel so blessed to have had so many fun, fun years with him.”

Peter’s legacy endures in the firm he helped build, the services he helped expand, and the many clients and

colleagues who benefited from his counsel. Equally lasting is his impact as a mentor, most notably to attorney Joseph M. Murphy, who followed in his footsteps in real estate law and title operations—carrying forward the standard of excellence, professionalism, and client service that Peter helped define.

“Peter was a tremendous mentor and friend,” reflected Joe. “He was incredibly smart, kind, and funny. I will miss his stories most of all. Those of us who had the privilege of working with him were truly fortunate—I know I was.”

Above all else, Peter was a devoted family man—a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Our hearts are with his wife, Kim, and his sons, Peter and Clayton, as they celebrate his life and legacy.

To learn more about Peter and watch a tribute video, visit dhclaw.com/PTH.



We recently lost a dear friend and colleague.

For more than four decades, Peter T. Hofstra played a central role in shaping the success and reputation of DeLoach, Hofstra & Cavonis, P.A. and Seminole Title Company. He retired in 2017, but remained of counsel for two years.

While Peter’s professional legacy is defined by steady judgment and a deep commitment to client service, it was the kind of man he was that leaves the most lasting impression on all who knew him.

“He was a good man, had a keen sense of humor, and would give a wry smile when responding to something that was

said,” recalled Dennis R. DeLoach Jr. “Peter had a deliberate manner, and I never saw him flustered or angry. I was blessed to know him and have him as a friend, a law partner, and a business partner for all those years.”

In 1993, Peter and Dennis co-founded Seminole Title Company, furthering their shared commitment to client service and the firm’s expanding real estate practice.

Beyond his practice, Peter was active in the community, contributing to organizations such as the Seminole Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club of Seminole, and Oakhurst United Methodist Church. He also served as a City Councilor for the City of Seminole and was honored as Mr. Seminole in 2010.



Celebrating 50 Years of Care, Counsel, and Community



Our story begins even before 1976, when founder Dennis R. DeLoach Jr. was already serving this community and helped form the City of Seminole in 1970 as its first co-city attorney. That early commitment shaped a simple, enduring mission: to provide trusted legal guidance and build lasting relationships. Fifty years later, we remain a steadfast partner to generations of individuals, families, and businesses.

Join us throughout this milestone year as we take a look back at our history—honoring where we’ve been, celebrating the people who have made it all possible, and looking forward to what the future holds.

Foundations & Early Growth (1976–1992)



1976

Dennis R. DeLoach Jr. opens his own law firm at 8486 Seminole Boulevard, primarily practicing probate, estate planning, and real estate law.



1977

Peter T. Hofstra joins the firm as a Law Clerk.



1982

Peter is named Partner and the firm’s name is changed to DeLoach & Hofstra, P.A.

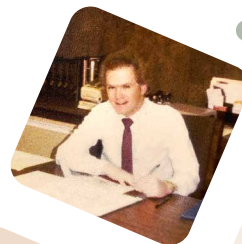
1992

Dennis is named Mr. Seminole “in recognition of his many years of selfless devotion and service to the community...”



1978

After earning his law degree, Peter becomes an Attorney, focusing on Real Estate and Association Law.



1983

Ken Burke, CPA becomes the first Firm Administrator (1983–2004).



Continue the journey through our history in our next issue!



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Giving Back in 2025, Looking Forward to 2026

As we reflect on 2025, we are grateful to have partnered with and supported the missions of these meaningful community organizations:

- ▶ All Children’s Hospital Guild, Inc. Seminole/Largo Branch
- ▶ Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
- ▶ Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ Greater SouthShore Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Seminole
- ▶ Muscular Dystrophy Association
- ▶ Pinellas County Chiropractic Society
- ▶ Queen’s Court Inc.
- ▶ Rotary Club of Seminole
- ▶ Seminole Historical Society
- ▶ SPCA Tampa Bay
- ▶ St. Petersburg Bar Association



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In the COMMUNITY

Chili Showdown: 10 Years of Tradition & Team Spirit

Our 10th Annual DHC/STC Presidents' Day Chili Cook-Off was a flavorful success and a highlight of our 50th Anniversary year. From first stir to final taste, the competition brought great energy, creativity, and a little friendly rivalry. Congratulations to this year's champion, paralegal Tammy Dina, whose winning "Sassenach Chipotle Chicken Chili" earned top honors and represented our DHC/STC Legal Beagles team at the Pinellas Park Firefighters Chili Blaze to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. A big thank you again to all our chefs who participated: Rep DeLoach, Joe Murphy, Michelle Lianzo, Michael & Maggie Cavonis (2nd Place), Gabrielle Englander (3rd Place), Gloria Centonze, and Alexa Kunzig. Here's to 10 years of tradition—and many more to come!



Gabrielle, Tammy, and Maggie



Rep at the Queen of Hearts silent auction

QOH Ball: One Heart, One Mind, One Spirit

The 67th Annual Queen of Hearts Ball, held February 21 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, was a beautiful celebration of community and giving. Hosted by The Queen's Court Inc., this beloved tradition honors Pinellas County's leading women volunteers while raising funds for impactful local causes. Our firm was proud to support the event as a Bronze Sponsor, and Attorney Rep DeLoach donated an estate planning package to the silent auction benefiting the Museum of Fine Arts Teen Poetry Fellowship and Seniors in Service. Congratulations to 2026 Queen Dimity Carlson and her Royal Court. We also celebrate Simone DeLoach, who was recognized as a Princess of the Queen's Court at last year's gala and served on this year's planning committee.



Rep and Simone

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Injury Law and Board Certified Real Estate Attorney

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Linda
Real Estate Client

Honestly, I don't usually write Google reviews, but I had to make an exception for Attorney Joseph Murphy. He truly went above and beyond to help us resolve a property disclosure issue we encountered after our recent purchase. We are incredibly grateful for his expertise and dedication. Mr. Murphy truly cares about people, and it shows.



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Cover masthead photo: January marks the start of our year-long celebration of 50 Years of Trusted Counsel (1976–2026). To learn more, visit dhclaw.com/50.

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PAWS for the LAWS



A Sweet New Chapter: Welcome, Ellie!



We are happy to share that Attorney Michael Cavonis and his wife, Maggie, welcomed their second daughter earlier this fall. Elizabeth Joy Cavonis—affectionately called “Ellie”—was born on September 24, 2025, at 10:24 p.m., weighing in at 6 pounds, 15 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. Mom and baby are doing great, and the family has been enjoying this special time together as they settle into life as a family of four. Big sister Claire Grace has embraced her new role and is thrilled to have a little sister. Please join us in extending our warm congratulations to Michael and Maggie as they continue celebrating this new bundle of joy in their family.



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Pam's Strawberry Roll

At this year's Presidents' Day Chili Cook-Off, STC Processor Pam brought a sweet finish to a luncheon full of bold flavors. Her light and airy strawberry roll was the perfect complement to a lineup of savory chilis—fresh, not too heavy, and just the right touch of sweetness to round out the meal.

- ▶ 4 egg yolks
- ▶ 4 egg whites
- ▶ ¾ cup sugar, divided
- ▶ ½ tsp vanilla
- ▶ 2 tbsp cold water
- ▶ ¾ cup sifted flour
- ▶ 1 tbsp baking powder
- ▶ ¼ tsp salt
- ▶ Fresh strawberries, sliced
- ▶ 1 container Cool Whip
- ▶ Powdered sugar (for dusting)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease a jelly roll pan and line with parchment or wax paper. Slice strawberries and place on a paper towel-lined tray to absorb moisture. Beat egg yolks until thick and pale. Gradually add ¼ cup sugar, then mix in vanilla and water. In a separate bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Slowly add remaining ½ cup sugar and beat until stiff peaks form. Gently fold yolk mixture into egg whites. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt; fold into batter until just combined. Spread evenly into prepared pan. Bake for 10–12 minutes, until lightly golden and springy to the touch. Turn cake onto a powdered sugar-dusted towel, replace paper, and roll gently while warm. Cool completely. Unroll, remove paper, spread with Cool Whip, and layer with strawberries. Roll back up and frost the outside. Garnish as desired.

Tip: For a simpler version, layer instead of rolling to create a strawberry shortcake-style bar.