

Adam Hasner is a proven leader with over three decades of professional experience blending strategic business insight and a strong track record of public service leadership.

Raised in northern Palm Beach County, Adam is a proud product of the local public school system and the son of two dedicated public school educators. He earned his bachelor's degree in Government and Politics, with a minor in Communications, from the University of Maryland, College Park, in 1991. Adam went on to earn his Juris Doctor from The Florida State University College of Law in 1995 and remains a member in good standing of The Florida Bar.

Adam's professional journey spans 30 years, marked by notable leadership roles in the private sector, as well as in the public service arena. Adam was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2002, representing the coastal communities of southern Palm Beach and northern Broward counties, and served until 2010 when he left office due to term limits. During his eight years in the Florida Legislature, Adam had the privilege of serving as House Majority Leader for two terms from 2007 to 2010.

In business, Adam has led across several highly regulated sectors, with executive roles that highlight his expertise in legal affairs, corporate development, marketing, strategic communications, and public policy advocacy. He currently serves as executive vice president for public policy at The GEO Group, a government services contractor that provides critical infrastructure and staffing support services to federal, state, and local government agencies.

Previously Adam was chief marketing and communications officer for People's Trust Insurance, playing a pivotal role on the senior leadership team and helping the company grow into one of Florida's top homeowners insurance providers. Adam began his professional career in the healthcare industry, working for both payers and providers, including a role as Florida Director of Acquisitions for Columbia/HCA Physician Services, where he managed legal, business, financial, and compliance matters for acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, and start-ups.

During his eight years of service in the Florida Legislature, Adam achieved a broad and distinguished record of legislative accomplishments. Focused on fostering innovation and driving economic growth through science, research, and technology, he earned recognition as a leading advocate for job creation in Florida.

In 2004, Adam worked alongside then-Governor Jeb Bush to establish Florida's life sciences industry with the creation of the Florida campus of the Scripps Research Institute in Palm Beach County. Adam was honored twice as American Cancer Society Legislator of the Year (2005 and 2006) for sponsoring Florida's \$120 million annual investment in biomedical and cancer research. This funding supported peer-reviewed competitive grants for scientific investigators, institutions, and clinical trials in the fight against cancer.

Adam authored the nation's strongest anti-hazing legislation to combat college hazing, earning the Anti-Hazing Hero Award from the Hazing Prevention Network. As a champion of the Florida-Israel relationship, he played a key role in re-establishing the Florida-Israel Institute in 2006, serving on its board to strengthen economic, educational, and cultural ties between the two regions. Adam's passion for innovation in the energy sector led him to sponsor legislation supporting solar and alternative fuel technologies, as well as Florida's Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)

law, which makes renewable energy solutions more accessible for both residential and commercial properties. Throughout his legislative career, Adam received numerous accolades from organizations such as the Florida Students Association (FSA), Everglades Trust, and the Solar Energy Industries Association, in appreciation of his commitment to public service and innovation.

In 2007, Adam was awarded the Florida Atlantic University President's Talon Award, earning the nickname "Mr. FAU" for his steadfast advocacy of the university's priorities. As Majority Leader of the Florida House, he led a multi-year effort to secure funding and approvals for establishing the Florida Atlantic College of Medicine, now graduating 64 physicians annually and transforming healthcare delivery in the region. Adam also championed Florida Atlantic's ocean energy initiative, sponsoring key legislation in 2006 and 2008 that laid the foundation for creating the Office of the Ocean Economy at FAU. He played a pivotal role in securing \$43 million for the new Florida Atlantic University College of Engineering building, the first state-funded higher education facility to achieve LEED Platinum certification. Adam was also honored to deliver a welcoming address at the 2010 inauguration of Dr. Mary Jane Saunders, the university's sixth president.

With a deep passion for education, Adam is no stranger to the classroom, having shared his expertise as a guest lecturer at Florida Atlantic University, the United States Military Academy at West Point, and Purdue University. He also served as a visiting instructor at Lynn University, teaching a unique January term course titled "*Popcorn & Politics*," which used iconic films to offer students a strategic understanding of campaigns and the political landscape.

Adam's dedication to community service is evident in his extensive service on the boards of several local organizations. Since 2006, he has served on the Board of Trustees for Boca Raton Regional Hospital, where he plays an active role in strategic planning and budgeting as a member of the finance committee. From 2013 to 2016, Adam was appointed by the governor to chair the Palm Beach County Early Learning Coalition, overseeing a \$100 million government-funded nonprofit responsible for implementing the state's voluntary pre-kindergarten program locally.

After his legislative service, Adam remained involved with Florida Atlantic University, serving on the Dean's Advisory Board for the College of Business and guest lecturing on the intersection of public policy and innovation. Following his departure from People's Trust in 2016, he remained on the company's Board as lead independent director and chairman of the audit and compliance committee.

In addition to these roles, Adam serves on the Board of Advisors for GoGig Jobs, Inc., an AI-driven career recruitment platform that won FAU's Tech Runway Venture Class 7. Since 2014, he has been a frequent on-air contributor locally for WPBF-25 ABC, offering expert commentary and analysis on news and current events.

Adam resides in Boca Raton with his wife of 18 years, Jillian, a prominent education advocate and accomplished non-profit executive. Jillian serves as CEO of Take Stock in Children, Florida's leading mentoring and college scholarship program serving 15,000 underserved students across the state with the mission of ending poverty through education. Together, Adam and Jillian are recognized as "Noble Philanthropists" for their contributions to the Boca Raton Regional Hospital. The couple is deeply committed to making a meaningful impact, working tirelessly to improve the lives of others in their community and beyond.