



**Kathleen Passidomo**  
**President of the Florida Senate**

Kathleen C. Passidomo is President of the Florida Senate. She was elected in 2021 by her colleagues to assume the role of Senate President for the 2022-2024 legislative term and is the third woman to serve as President in the 185-year history of the state's upper chamber.

As President of the Florida Senate, Passidomo has led the development and passage of comprehensive legislation to increase attainable workforce housing, expand access to Florida's Wildlife Corridor and invest more than \$4 billion to support hurricane recovery and increase storm resiliency in the Sunshine State.

Prior to her role as President, Passidomo served as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Rules, a position to which she was appointed by then-President Wilton Simpson, and Senate Majority Leader, an appointment by then-President Bill Galvano.

Passidomo was elected to the Florida Senate in November 2016 after serving in the Florida House of Representatives since 2010.

Passidomo graduated in 1975 from Trinity College (now University) in Washington, D.C., after which she spent eight months backpacking in Southeast Asia. In December 1978, she received her law degree from Stetson University's College of Law and built her practice around Real Estate and Business Law in Naples. She was in the first group of attorneys in the state to obtain Board Certification in Real Estate Law, and her peers elected her to serve as President of both the Collier County Bar Association and the Collier County Women's Bar Association.

Passidomo has used her background and legal skills to help almost 100 civic, charitable, and business organizations with their corporate documents and governance structure. From creating the Collier County Juvenile Justice Council to serving as Co-Chair of the Community Engagement Initiative of the Education Foundation of Collier County- Champions for Learning ("Connect Now"), and as President of the Southwest Florida Land Preservation Trust to chairing the Board of The United Way of Collier County, she had the opportunity to work with citizens from all over Southwest Florida with a common goal of making the community a better place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

Passidomo and her husband John have lived in Naples for more than 40 years. Together, they have three children, Catarina, Francesca and Gabriella, and two grandsons, William and Emilio.

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