



Kathleen Passidomo  
Senate President-Designate

Senator Kathleen C. Passidomo is President-Designate of the Florida Senate. She was officially elected by her colleagues in 2021 to assume the role of Senate President during the 2023-2024 legislative term.

Senator Passidomo currently serves as Chair of the Senate Rules Committee, a position to which she was appointed by Senate President Wilton Simpson. In addition to her role as Rules Chair, she is a member of the following committees: Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Banking and Insurance, Education, Regulated Industries, and the Joint Legislative Budget Commission.

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

Senator 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.

As Senator Passidomo's career progressed, she 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.

Senator 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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