

HAROLD W. FRANCKE (HAL)

Hal and his wife Madeline reside in Lake Forest, Illinois. They first came to The Palms with their family when the resort opened in 2005. In August, 2014, after many return trips to our beautiful resort, they acquired Units 3204 and 3205. Since then, they have been spending between six and eight weeks a year on island.

At the 2018 Annual General Meeting, Hal was elected to the Strata Executive Committee. He is now running for re-election at the 2025 AGM. In the past, Hal has actively participated in the consideration of major capital improvements to Strata assets, the review of contracts that have provided for the construction of those improvements, and the rehabilitation of other Strata improvements. As a member of the Executive Committee's legal subcommittee, he assumed primary responsibility for the preparation of the recently adopted comprehensive amendment to the strata By-laws. He is hoping to continue to serve on the Executive Committee and do what he can to assure that The Palms retains its status as one of the premier resorts in the Caribbean.

Hal is a capital partner at the law firm of Meltzer, Purtill & Stelle LLC, which has offices in Chicago and Schaumburg, Illinois. He joined the firm in 2013 after spending 34 years at DLA Piper LLP (US), an international business law firm, and its predecessor component law firms. Hal has concentrated his practice over the past 45 years in real estate development and land use matters for commercial, industrial, office, institutional and residential projects. He has represented both public and privately-owned national and local corporate entities, developers and homebuilders, and not-for-profit educational and religious institutions.

Hal received his Bachelor of Arts degree, with special honors, from the University of Chicago and his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law.