

## Laura DeBruce

Laura DeBruce is a lawyer and entrepreneur who has owned a home on Sanibel since 2010 and been an island resident since 2015. After graduating from the University of Florida (B.S., Communications) and Boston University Law School, she lived in Europe where she taught university courses, was an associate at Baker & McKenzie, and then Director of Legal Affairs for CME Media Enterprises, where she played a key role in launching several television stations throughout Eastern Europe. Subsequently she co-founded GrandView Castle Entertainment with her husband, Jeff Blackman, distributing motion pictures throughout Eastern Europe and Russia. As a partner in DeBruce Blackman, PLLC, Laura provides legal and consulting advice. She has also produced several documentary films. In 2018, Laura and Jeff started Sanibel Carts, renting street-legal golf carts to residents and visitors on Sanibel and Captiva. They have a son, Luke Blackman, who currently lives in Atlanta. Laura is on the Board of Directors for Community Housing and Resources and the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation. She also serves on the Sanibel Planning Commission.