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PRACTICE AREAS

Environmental & Natural
Resources

Land Development/Land
Use/Zoning

Real Estate

Government & Administrative

OVERVIEW

Amelia Savage's practice focuses primarily on Environmental & Natural Resources law. Her clients and projects range from mining operations, to single-family docks, to energy facilities, to wetland mitigation banks, to large scale developments, to water supply matters and beyond.

Amelia helps clients obtain regulatory environmental permits from federal, state and local agencies, including consulting with supporting agencies on wildlife issues. She frequently guides clients through the permitting process with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida's water management districts. She assists clients and agencies on issues related to threatened and endangered species as well as participates in rulemaking regarding imperiled species and other environmental rules.

Amelia also represents clients in obtaining proprietary authorizations to use lands owned by the state of Florida, both with regards to upland and submerged land parcels. She is highly skilled in defending environmental permits from challenges before federal and state courts as well as the Division of Administrative Hearings.

Prior to joining the Firm, Amelia worked at a boutique law firm in Tallahassee, Florida. In addition to her experience in the environmental arena, she has also provided counsel on matters involving real estate, property taxation, health law, and adoptions.

Areas of Concentration

Environmental resource permitting, compliance, enforcement and litigation

Mining operations permitting, compliance, enforcement, and litigation

Consumptive use permitting, compliance, enforcement and litigation

Administrative law, permitting, registrations, rulemaking, and litigation

Conservation Easements, Planning & Incentives

Water quality/water supply

Water use regulation and permitting

Threatened, Endangered & Listed Species

State-Owned & Sovereign Submerged Lands

Utilities (wastewater, reuse, potable and irrigation water)

Energy Facilities Siting & Licensing

Public-Private Water Partnerships

Wetlands & Mitigation Banking

Agritourism

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Represented Mosaic, the world's leading integrated producer of concentrated phosphate and potash, regarding their mines in DeSoto, Ona, South Pasture Extension, South Fort Meade, and Wingate. Assisted company in obtaining wetlands, water, and species permits from local, state, and federal agencies, defending permits from challenge when necessary, permit compliance, and real estate matters.

Assisted in the permitting of the North Florida Resiliency Connection an electric transmission line through the seven counties and 176 miles of the Panhandle to create service redundancy by Gulf Power. Assistance included navigating the NEPA process and unique challenges related to National Forests and historic preservation evaluations, and local government negotiations regarding comprehensive plan and land development regulation compliance.

Represented Florida Power & Light in obtaining state authorization through a multi-party administrative permitting and hearing process for Units 6 & 7 of their Turkey Point facility. Efforts focused specifically on wetlands and species issues.

Assisted Duke Energy in navigating the federal environmental permitting for their Levy Nuclear Project, including wetlands mitigation approaches and negotiations with local and state agencies regarding use of public land for transmission lines and for collaboration on mitigation opportunities.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Florida Bar, Environmental and Land Use Law Section (ELULS) and Administrative Law Sections, 2006-Present

Children's Home Society, Board Member, 2014-2017

United Way, 2010-2012

Power of the Purse, 2010-2012

RECOGNITION

The Best Lawyers in America, 2024-Present

Florida Trend, Up & Coming Legal Elite, 2018

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Federal Court Says “No” to A Stay: Florida’s CWA Section 404 Permitting Program Remains Wholly Vacated](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2024

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Federal Court Strikes Down Florida’s Assumption of CWA Section 404 Permitting](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2024

Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [What’s Developing | Winter 2024](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2024

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Two New Major Environmental Law Updates You Should Know About](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2023

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Florida Funds Agricultural Conservation Easements at Record Amounts](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2023

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Five Important Environmental Topics You Should Know About](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2023

Events: [Emerging Issues in Environmental Resource Permitting](#)

36th Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School | | July 2022

Land Development News Update, Publications: [USFWS to Revise Critical Habitat Rules For Manatees](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2022

Events: [WEBINAR: Navigating the Revised Definition of "Waters of the United States" \("WOTUS"\)](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller Webinar | | February 2022

Events: [Hot Topics Webinar: Risk Reduction for Mitigation Projects: Perspectives on Financial Assurances' Best Practices Part 1](#)

Association of State Wetland Managers | | December 2021

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Bird, Bird, Bird - Bird Is The Word!](#)

Stearns Weaver Millers News Update | November 2021

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Development Demand Drives Opportunity for Conservation of Gopher Tortoise Sites](#)

Publications: [Federal Court Puts ‘Navigable Waters Protection Rule’ In Murky Waters for Florida](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | October 2021

Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Fall 2021](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2021

Land Development News Update, Publications: [FWC Seeks Public Input on Beach-Nesting Birds Draft Guidelines](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2021

Events: [Improving Financial Assurances](#)

National Mitigation & Ecosystem Banking Conference | | May 2021

Publications: [Chapter 8: Waterfront Property - Florida Real Property Complex Transactions](#)

The Florida Bar, 9th edition, 2018 and 10th edition, 2020 | July 2020

Events: [Emerging Issues in Environmental Resource Permitting](#)

Florida Chamber Environmental Permitting Summer School, 2014, 2016-2020 | | July 2020

Events: [Sovereign Submerged Lands and Aquatic Preserves](#)

Florida Chamber's Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School, 2018-2020 | | July 2020

Events: [Recent Regulatory Guidance Letters: Opportunities & Challenges](#)

National Mitigation & Ecosystem Banking Conference | | May 2020

Events: [Florida Energy Policy Outlook](#)

Florida Chamber's Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School | | July 2019

Publications: [Statewide Environmental Resource Permitting](#)

Florida Treatise on Environmental and Land Use Law | September 2015

Publications: [Incidental Take Permitting and Habitat Conservation Planning](#)

Florida Treatise on Environmental and Land Use Law | September 2015

Publications: [The Endangered Species Act Listing Process](#)

Florida Treatise on Environmental and Land Use Law | September 2015

Publications: [Nationwide Permits Under Both Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 and Clean Water Act Section 404](#)

Florida Treatise on Environmental and Land Use Law | September 2015

Publications: [Division of Responsibility for Wetlands Permitting](#)

Florida Treatise on Environmental and Land Use Law, 2008-2015 | September 2015

Events: [Mosaic's Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Gopher Tortoises on Mosaic Land](#)

Events: [Reconciling Federal and State Interests in Endangered Species Protection](#)

University of Florida College of Law 19th Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference | | April 2013

Events: [A Developer's Guide to Navigating Bug and Bunny Issues with the Wildlife Agencies](#)

The Florida Bar Environmental Land Use Law Section Annual Update | | January 2013

Publications: [Environmental Resource Permitting in the Northwest Florida Water Management District](#)

Florida Treatise on Environmental and Land Use Law | September 2012

Publications: [Why Do Federal Agencies Rely on ARNI Designations in Environmental Permitting](#)

Environmental and Land Use Law in the Florida Bar Journal | December 2010

Publications: [Why is ARNI an Environmental Permitting Stumbling Block?](#)

ABA Section of Environmental, Energy, and Resources Newsletter, Volume 41, Number 3 | February 2010

NEWSROOM

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Expands Tallahassee Office Space and Offered Services](#)

| February 2022

In the Media: [Movers: New Arrivals](#)

The National Law Journal | | October 2021

Firm Announcements: [Carl Eldred Joins Stearns Weaver Miller's Statewide Land Development, Zoning & Environmental Practice](#)

| September 2021

In the Media: [Alum Profile: Amelia A. Savage \('06\)](#)

FSU Law Focus | | September 2021

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Expands Statewide Land Development, Zoning & Environmental Practice with Five New Additions](#)

| September 2021

EDUCATION

J.D., *with honors*, Florida State University School of Law, 2006

Order of the Coif

B.A., Indiana University, 2002

Study Abroad - Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic

ADMISSIONS

Florida

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

United States District Courts for the Middle and Southern District of Florida