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## Elizabeth Desloge Ellis Selected as President-Elect of the Tallahassee Bar Association

TALLAHASSEE, FL – January 27, 2025 – Stearns Weaver Miller announced that attorney <u>Liz</u> <u>Desloge Ellis</u> was selected as President-Elect of the Tallahassee Bar Association ("TBA"). Liz has served on the TBA Board of Directors since 2023, including as Secretary and as Chair of the Events Committee. She also formerly served as President of TBA's Young Lawyers Section ('YLS").

During her tenure on TBA's Board of Directors, Liz spearheaded the first annual Bench and Bar Holiday Party, bringing together TBA, Tallahassee Women Lawyers ("TWL"), the William H. Stafford Inn of Court, the First District Appellate American Inn of Court, and the Florida Government Bar Association to host a combined holiday party for the entire circuit. She also served as Co-Chair for the 2024 Annual Chili Cook-Off which raised \$19,000 for the Legal Aid Foundation, the most successful fundraiser to date. Additionally, Liz implemented an "Adulting 101" program for the YLS where young lawyers teach high school students about important life skills including finance, interviewing techniques, and interacting with law enforcement. In 2022, Liz earned TBA's Thomas M. Ervin, Jr. Distinguished Young Lawyer award in honor of her service.

In addition to her involvement with TBA, Liz serves as President of the Refuge House of the Big Bend and on the Board of Directors for TWL and the Goodwood Museum and Gardens. She was also appointed to serve on the Florida Bar's Standing Committee on Professionalism by a former Florida Bar President and is a member of the William H. Stafford American Inn of Court. Liz's Inn of Court team from the 2023-2024 year was selected as one of the Outstanding Program Award winners by the American Inns of Court and was recognized at the United States Supreme Court in July 2024. Liz is a graduate of Leadership Tallahassee Class 37 and in 2024 was selected as a Finalist for the 2024 Leadership Tallahassee Distinguished Leadership Awards.

Liz is a litigator who represents private and public sector clients in complex real estate development, land use and property rights matters. She is skilled in developing and implementing litigation strategy as it relates to obtaining, challenging and defending development approvals. Her experience also includes litigating eminent domain, inverse condemnation and Bert J. Harris issues. In addition to land development, Liz also maintains a broad litigation practice where she represents clients on a variety of matters, including public records, and constitutional law. Prior to joining the firm, she served as an Assistant State Attorney for the State Attorney's Office in the Second Judicial Circuit under both Willie Meggs and Jack Campbell, where she conducted over 50 jury trials as first chair, ranging in severity from traffic offenses to life felonies.



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