

## **Administrative & Regulatory Law Attorney Matthew E.W. Bryant Joins Stearns Weaver Miller's Tallahassee Office**

**TALLAHASSEE, FL** – July 15, 2024 – Stearns Weaver Miller announced that attorney [Matthew E.W. Bryant](#) has joined the firm's Tallahassee office in its [Administrative & Regulatory](#) Law group. Matt has over a decade of experience representing applicants in procurement litigation before Florida's State Agencies with a focus on bid protests. He represents clients in civil commercial, and administrative litigation including administrative complaints and disciplinary proceedings; government investigations and audits; sunshine law and open government laws litigation; rulemaking and rule challenges; environmental permitting, compliance and enforcement; government contracts, bid protests and procurement; and business, professional and facility licenses proceedings.

"We are thrilled to welcome Matt to our Tallahassee office. His government and agency experience and knowledge will significantly strengthen our Administrative & Regulatory practice. He will be an invaluable resource as we continue to help navigate Florida's complex regulatory landscape for our clients," said Rick Schatz, Managing Director of the firm.

Matt has specific experience litigating or advising clients related to assisted living facility, nursing home, and general healthcare licensing (Agency for Healthcare Administration - AHCA); Medicaid overpayment disputes (AHCA); physician (Florida Department of Health - DOH) and insurance agent disciplinary proceedings (Department of Financial Services - DFS); single-source state contracting requirements and disputes; procurements issued by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), AHCA and DMS; outdoor advertising permits (FDOT); water management district permits; retirement benefits forfeitures (State Board of Administration - SBA); Fair Housing Act compliance (Florida Commission on Human Relations); and public records law requirements.

Prior to joining the firm, Matt served as the Special Procurement Counsel for the Florida Department of Management Services (DMS), where he advised on all manners of protest procurement and served as lead internal counsel on DMS bid protests. He also has experience as a partner at a Tallahassee law firm practicing in a wide variety of areas, but with a focus on licensing, regulatory, and protest law.

"I am impressed with the work Stearns Weaver Miller is doing in Tallahassee, especially in the Government space with the expansion of their Government Affairs, Antitrust, State Attorneys General and Land Development groups," said Matt. "My practice aligns well with their goals and I am excited to expand on these synergies and use my experience to elevate the services provided to clients statewide."

Matt earned his J.D. from Florida State University College of Law and his B.A., *cum laude*, from Florida State University.

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