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### PRACTICE AREAS

Environmental & Natural  
Resources

Land Development/Land  
Use/Zoning

Litigation - Land Use,

Environmental & Property Rights  
Administrative & Regulatory

Ad Valorem Tax

Cannabis Law

Transportation

Land Development, Zoning &  
Environmental

### OVERVIEW

*"Jake is obviously a market expert. Very professional, articulate and certainly delivers."*

*- Chambers USA 2023*

Jake counsels clients in their interactions with local, state, and federal governments on environmental, land use, and land development issues. He has been lead counsel on a variety of complex permitting and economic development matters. He excels in complicated matters requiring both environmental and land use permitting, including brownfield designations, urban redevelopment, and master-planned communities. He has extensive experience protecting environmental and land use permits against challenges, defending against government compliance and enforcement issues, and litigating property rights issues, including before the United States Supreme Court.

A sixth-generation Floridian, Jake grew up in Palatka working in his family's timber operations and has significant experience working with agriculture, silviculture, agribusiness, and heavy industry interests. Because of this personal experience, Jake routinely assists large agricultural landowners in defense of their greenbelt classifications and in asserting Right-to-Farm Act challenges to government overreach. He also assists them with long-term strategic planning for development entitlements and unlocking alternative income streams, including the use of wetland mitigation banks and conservation easements.

Jake began his law practice in Tallahassee, where he gained experience dealing with the legislative and regulatory process of state government. As a Gubernatorial Fellow at the Department of Community Affairs, he participated in executive-branch policymaking and developed relationships with state environmental and growth management regulators. This experience allows Jake to advise clients whether permitting, litigation, or lobbying is the best approach for their needs.

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## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

### Permitting, Entitlements, and Regulatory Matters

Lead counsel representing clients including national homebuilders, real estate investment trusts, investors, and other landowners in obtaining development rights and entitlements from local governments, including comprehensive plan amendments, rezonings, variances, special uses, legal nonconforming designation, and other permits.

Represents master developer in land use and permitting issues related to the Westshore Marina District, the second largest new development project in Tampa Bay today. This \$600 million large-scale project consists of 55 acres of the Tampa Bay waterfront and will include 200+ marina slips, a hotel, retail shops, boat-up restaurants, a public esplanade connected to a 1.4-mile public park, and 1,250+ apartments and condos.

Lead counsel representing clients in pursuing development incentives, including ad valorem tax abatement and brownfields tax credits and jobs tax refunds, including representing the developer of a dual-flag hotel adjacent to City Hall in downtown Tampa in the purchase of the site from the City of Tampa, and partnering with the City to rehabilitate the site prior to redevelopment and obtain a cleanup grant from FDEP for \$1 million.

Represented an affordable housing developer in obtaining a brownfield area designation for an affordable housing project in the City of Tallahassee during the COVID-19 pandemic. The team coordinated an in-person and virtual community meeting that included a team of consultants and members of the public as well as two virtual public hearings to obtain the brownfield area designation. The designation allowed the developer to take advantage of both state environmental clean-up programs and financial incentives.

Obtained a zoning modification on behalf of Piedmont Companies, a developer of Goodwill Industries projects across the country. The 212,000 square foot facility in Hillsborough County will serve a 10-county area, employing over 100 individuals with disabilities and special needs. It is Goodwill Industries-Suncoast, Inc.'s first "build to suit" distribution center in its central Florida territory and will be used as a model for future facilities.

Lead counsel assisting a large silvicultural landowner in investigation of alternative environmental income streams, including wetlands and species mitigation banks and carbon offset credits, and land use entitlements strategies, including the Sector Plan.

Lead counsel representing sporting lodge and hospitality operation in obtaining and modifying alcohol, tobacco, and firearms licenses from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation, Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco.

Lead counsel representing landowner in a Right-to-Farm Act matter, obtaining the first approval in decades from a local government environmental agency for the commercial harvesting of cypress timber.

Lead counsel representing clients in professional licensure and permitting disputes and disciplinary procedures, including the successful resolution, with no fine, penalty, or disciplinary action of Florida Board of Professional Engineers allegations of practicing without a license; and development and presentation of licensure strategies to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for private investigation, private security services, and concealed firearms carry.

Secured numerous environmental and land use permits and entitlements before local, state, and federal governmental entities.

Counseled industrial clients in compliance and reporting obligations under complex federal environmental regulations,

including CERCLA, RCRA, EPCRA, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Endangered Species Act.

Participated in policymaking, including drafting changes to Florida's impact fee statutes and an expedited port permitting bill passed by the Florida Legislature and drafting comments on proposed environmental regulations at the federal, state, and local levels.

As a Gubernatorial Fellow at the Department of Community Affairs, developed a model for presentation to the Legislature for converting the agency's operations to a fee-based services model after studying operations.

## **Land Use, Environmental, and Property Rights Litigation Matters**

Successfully overturned a local government decision denying the grandfathering of an intensive commercial use, paving the way to achieve a favorable rezoning of the property.

Lead counsel in successfully protecting agricultural client's right to continue operations using the Right to Farm Act and the Florida Agricultural Lands and Practices Act following attempts of both local government and neighbors to force closure.

Successfully used the Florida Land Use and Dispute Resolution Act to resolve contentious property rights case, including a resolution following a rezoning denial that would have resulted in the closing of one of the country's largest trapshooting ranges and gun clubs.

Lead counsel in resolving an annexation challenge and an administrative challenge to a comprehensive plan amendment for a coalition of developer clients with projects at risk due to a long-running dispute between Alachua County and the City of Gainesville. Successfully negotiated with the County and the City for a global settlement allowing clients to move forward with projects that had been stalled for over six months and which were at risk of being delayed for another year or more.

Testified before a Florida Senate Committee on the effects proposed legislation would have on a client's subsurface property rights.

Assisted counsel of record defending oceanfront property rights before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Stop the Beach Renourishment, Inc. v. Florida Department of Environmental Protection*, 130 S.Ct. 2592 (2010), a case of first impression considering the doctrine of judicial takings.

Authored amicus brief supporting the successful landowner before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Koontz v. St Johns River Water Management District*, 133 S.Ct. 420 (2013), a case that limited the government's ability to exact concessions during the land development process.

Represented clients in obtaining nearly \$10 million in settlements of private property rights claims against governmental entities, including takings and inverse condemnation claims, constitutional claims, Bert J. Harris, Jr. Private Property Protection Act claims, and Florida Land Use and Environmental Dispute Resolution Act proceedings.

Represented national gas and convenience chain in obtaining dismissal of a comprehensive plan consistency challenge.

Lead counsel representing commercial agricultural operations in defense of agricultural tax classification (greenbelt), including an [appellate case that confirmed](#) in a case of first impression that even unusual agricultural uses must be allowed greenbelt classification.

Represented commercial timber harvester in successful negotiated reduction of penalties incurred in a code enforcement action.

Lead drafter of two successful appellate briefs defending against a challenge to an electrical utility's rezoning of 2,000+ acres.

Represented mining company in defense of local government mining and land use permits.

Represented electrical utility in a citizen's administrative suit seeking to invalidate water quality permits.

Successfully appealed a local government's refusal to process a planned development rezoning application because of unreasonable interpretation of its land development code.

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## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

City of Tampa, Tampa Forward: Building Tomorrow Together, Land Development Code Advisory Team, Chair, 2024-Present

Florida Brownfields Association (FBA), Advisory Board Member, Present

The Junior League of Tampa, Community Advisory Board, 2019-Present

Association of Florida Community Developers (AFCD), 2015-Present

Tampa Bay Builders Association, 2015-Present

Board of Directors, 2022-Present

Florida Eminent Domain Conference, Co-Chair, 2021

Florida State University College of Law, "Legislation and Regulation," Adjunct Professor

Appointed by Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam to the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services' Silviculture Best Management Practices Technical Advisory Committee

Hillsborough County Farm Bureau, Board of Directors, 2015

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Gubernatorial Appointee

Tampa Bay Agency on Bay Management, Appointee

Leadership Tampa Bay, 2016

Tampa Connection, Class of 2015

Leadership Florida Connect, Class II, 2012

Board of Governors, 2013-2015

The Florida Bar Environmental & Land Use Section (ELULS), Executive Council and Co-Editor of the *Reporter*

Rhodes College Alumni Association Executive Board, 2011-2014

J. Clifford Cheatwood American Inn of Court

Florida Forestry Association, Government Affairs Committee

Forest Landowners Association

Palma Ceia Golf & Country Club

Ybor City Museum Society

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## RECOGNITION

*Chambers USA*

Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use (North & Central Florida), Band 2, 2018-Present

Environment (Florida), 2021-Present

*The Best Lawyers in America®*, 2023-Present

Lawyer of the Year, Litigation - Land Use and Zoning (Tampa), 2025

*Florida Super Lawyers*, 2024-Present

Rising Star, 2013-2023

*Florida Trend's* Legal Elite, "Up and Comer," 2012-2017

Florida State University Alumni Association, 30 Under 30, 2014

Tampa Bay Business Journal, "Up and Comer," 2013

Florida Forestry Association, 40 Under 40 Young Leader, 2011

American Planning Association, Florida Chapter, Outstanding Student Urban Planner, 2009

Jeb Bush Outstanding Achievement Award, 2009

National Merit Scholar

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## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

**Publications:** [Florida House Bills 923 and 943: Comprehensive Housing Reform and Live Local Act Enhancements](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2025

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**Publications:** [How to Streamline Housing Permitting in Florida](#)

Policy Briefs, Mercatus Center, George Mason University | | December 2024

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**Publications:** [How to Streamline Housing Permitting in Florida](#)

Housing | Policy Briefs, Mercatus Center, George Mason University | | December 2024

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**Events:** [Live Local Redux: What Eminent Domain Professionals Need to Know This Time Around](#)

Florida Eminent Domain Conference | | November 2024

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**Land Development News Update, Publications:** [What's Developing | Fall 2024](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | November 2024

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**Events: Investing and Developing Over the Next Cycle**

FSU Real Estate Center, TRENDS Conference | November 2024

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: Hurricanes, Flash Floods, and Tornadoes – Development Permit Extension Opportunities Are Now Available**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2024

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: What's Developing | Summer 2024**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | August 2024

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**Publications: Florida Attorney General's Office Issues Informal Opinion Clarifying Zoning Districts that Qualify for Development under the Live Local Act**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | August 2024

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**Events: How The Live Local Act Changes The Land Use Game**

38th Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School | | July 2024

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**Publications: Legislative Tax Package includes Live Local Property Tax Exemption Opt-out Provisions for Taxing Authorities**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2024

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**Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: FDACS Promulgates New Rules Addressing Agricultural Land Owned by a Foreign Principal**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2024

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**Events: WEBINAR: SB 328 - The 2024 Live Local Act**

Stearns Weaver Miller Webinar | | March 2024

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**Publications: Florida Senate and House of Representatives Pass Senate Bill 328 Amending the 2023 Live Local Act**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2024

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**Affordable Housing News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: Rotunda Report Week 6 | February 12-16, 2024**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2024

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**Publications: Live Local Act Bill Proposes Significant Changes to Florida's Landmark 2023 Affordable and Workforce Housing Legislation**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2024

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**Events: Florida's New "Live Local Act"**

Florida Eminent Domain Conference | | November 2023

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**Events: Navigating The Country's Boldest Housing Supply Legislation: Florida's Live Local Act**

Cafe Con Tampa | | November 2023

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**Events: Concurrency, Impact Fees and Mobility Fees - The State of the Law on Local Government Exactions to Fund Infrastructure and Schools**

**Events: [Legislative Update](#)**

The University Club of Tampa || June 2023

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**Affordable Housing News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [Live Local Act Signed Into Law](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2023

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

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2023

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

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2023

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**Events, Land Development News Update: [Settling Local Land Use Disputes](#)**

Florida Land Use Law Conference || November 2022

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**Events: [Ethics in Modern Practice](#)**

Florida Eminent Domain Conference || October 2022

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Hillsborough County Proposes Significant Updates to Comprehensive Plan](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | October 2022

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Summer 2022](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2022

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**Events: [Concurrency, Impact Fees And Mobility Fees - The State Of The Law On Local Government Exactions To Fund](#)**

36th Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School || July 2022

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**Events: [Avoiding Property Rights Disputes \(Or "Florida Property Rights 101"\)](#)**

36th Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School || July 2022

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**Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [Hillsborough County Proposes Significant Updates to Comprehensive Plan](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2022

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**Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Spring 2022](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2022

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Spring Brings an End to Freezing Temperatures— and an Opportunity to Extend Your Development Permits](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2022

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**Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Winter 2022](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2022

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Pasco County Expands Multi-Family Moratorium while Hillsborough County Plans to Extend Another Moratorium](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2022

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**Events: [Through the Florida Land Use and Environmental Dispute Resolution Act](#)**

Florida Eminent Domain Conference | | November 2021

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

Stearns Weaver Millers News Update | November 2021

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

Stearns Weaver Millers News Update | October 2021

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

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | October 2021

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

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2021

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**Events: [Concurrency, Impact and Mobility Fees - The State Of The Law On Local Government Exactions To Fund Infrastructure And Schools](#)**

35th Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School | | July 2021

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**Events: [Avoiding Property Rights Disputes \(Or "Florida Property Rights 101"\)](#)**

35th Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School | | July 2021

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**Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 State of Emergency Lapses: Extend Your Permits NOW](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2021

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Hillsborough County Studying Comprehensive Plan Updates to Facilitate Affordable Housing](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2021

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

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2021

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Update: Tampa Bay Local Governments Continue to Enact Burdensome Moratoria](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2021

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**Events: [Private Sector Roundtable Discussion](#)**

HCBA - Third Annual Virtual Environmental and Land Use Conference | | April 2021

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: Hillsborough County Moving Quickly in Proposal to Take Away Density from Rural and Agricultural Landowners**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2021

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**Events: Sea Level Rise in Tampa: How Do We Collaborate on Land Use Decisions to Plan Ahead?**

Café con Tampa Meeting | | February 2021

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: Tampa Bay Local Governments Forge Ahead in Limiting Property Rights with Burdensome Land Development Moratoria**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2021

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: Following Hillsborough County, City of Tampa to Consider Development Moratorium on February 4, 2021**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2021

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: What's Developing | Winter 2020-2021**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2021

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**Events: Sea Level Rise in Tampa: A Policy Approach**

City of Tampa City Planning Webinar | | January 2021

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: EPA Approves Florida's Assumption of the Clean Water Act's Section 404 Permitting**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | December 2020

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**Events: Florida Land Use and Environmental Law**

24th Annual Florida Eminent Domain Conference | | November 2020

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: City of Tampa Holds Important Workshop on Changes in Land Use and Development Policies**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | November 2020

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**Publications: Environmental Issues In Real Estate Transactions, Florida Real Property Complex Transactions**

The Florida Bar Environmental & Land Use Law Treatise | November 2020

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: What's Developing | Fall 2020**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | October 2020

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**Publications: Major Land Use Changes Ahead in St. Pete: CHAA Update, Tropicana Field Site RFP, and I-275 Improvements**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | August 2020

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: New 'Navigable Waters Protection Rule' is the Controlling Law in Florida - for Now.**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2020

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**Events: Concurrency, Impact and Mobility Fees - The State Of The Law On Local Government Exactions To Fund Infrastructure**

34th Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School || July 2020

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**Events: [Avoiding Property Rights Disputes \(Or](#)**

[34th Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School](#) || July 2020

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Tolling and Extension Benefits Available for Pandemic Emergency Declarations](#)**

[Stearns Weaver Miller News Update](#) | July 2020

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Summer 2020](#)**

[Stearns Weaver Miller News Update](#) | July 2020

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Hillsborough County to Consider Doubling of Development Fees and Extending Rezoning Moratoria, Despite COVID-19 Economic Recovery Concerns](#)**

[Stearns Weaver Miller News Update](#) | May 2020

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [U.S. Supreme Court Requires Clean Water Act Permits When A Point Source Pollutant Discharge through Groundwater into Navigable Waters is "Functionally Equivalent" to a Direct Discharge](#)**

[Stearns Weaver Miller News Update](#) | April 2020

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**Events: [WEBINAR: Let's Get Virtual! - Virtual Local Government Hearings Amid the COVID Crisis](#)**

[Stearns Weaver Miller Webinar](#) || April 2020

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**COVID News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [Hillsborough County Forges Ahead to Consider Doubling Development Fees During COVID-19 Era](#)**

[Stearns Weaver Miller News Update](#) | April 2020

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Spring 2020](#)**

[Stearns Weaver Miller News Update](#) | April 2020

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Florida Department of Environmental Protection Issues a Proposed Rule Seeking to Assume Dredge and Fill Permitting Process from Federal Government](#)**

[Stearns Weaver Miller News Update](#) | March 2020

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Hillsborough County Sets Aggressive Twelve Program to Remake Development Policies - and Increase Fees](#)**

[Stearns Weaver Miller News Update](#) | February 2020

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Replacement of Waters of the United States Rule Narrows the Reach of the Clean Water Act](#)**

[Stearns Weaver Miller News Update](#) | February 2020

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Hillsborough County Continues Discussion on Changes in Land Use and Development Policies to Prepare for Smart and Sustainable Growth](#)**

[Stearns Weaver Miller News Update](#) | January 2020

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Florida Supreme Court Reverses Course to Allow Personal Injury Damages for Some Environmental Claims](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2020

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Major Land Use and Development Policies Discussions Continue in Hillsborough County](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2020

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Major Evolution in Land Use and Development Policies Ahead in Hillsborough County](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | December 2019

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Winter 2019-2020](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | December 2019

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Governor DeSantis Terminates Emergency Declaration for 43 Counties Starting 90-Day Clock for Important Notice Letters](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | October 2019

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**Government & Administrative News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [2015 Waters of the United States Rule Repealed, with a New Rule Expected this Winter](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2019

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Fall 2019](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2019

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**Events: [Avoiding Property Rights Disputes](#)**

33rd Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School | July 2019

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Friday Deadline for Hillsborough County's Final Impact Fee Buyback Solicitation](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2019

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**Events: [What's Ahead and Why - Comprehensive Planning and Growth Management](#)**

Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School | July 2019

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Important Land Development and Environmental Issues Following Florida's 2019 Legislative Session](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2019

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Summer 2019](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2019

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Opportunities Ahead as Florida Prepares for Three New Tollways](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2019

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [What Have We Learned After Two Years of Reporting Under Florida's Public Notice of Pollution Act?](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2019

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Spring 2019](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2019

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [EPA Provides Clarity on CWA Regulation of Groundwater - for Now](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2019

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**Events: [Zoning and Permitting](#)**

Advanced Real Property Certification Review 2019 | | April 2019

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Increased School Impact Fees on the Horizon in Hillsborough County, With No Sign of Relief from School Concurrency in Sight](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2019

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Why Developers and Landowners Should Engage in the U.S. Census Bureau's Designation of Places and Census Tracts Over the Next Three Months](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2019

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**Government & Administrative News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [Permit Applicants May Need to Reevaluate Strategies Following New Constitutional Amendment Prohibiting Agency Deference](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2019

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Act Now to Secure Tolling and Extension Benefits Related to Hurricanes, Algal Blooms and Red Tide Emergency Declarations](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2019

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Major Water Policy Reform Ahead in Florida](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2019

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Unanimous Property Owner Win as U.S. Supreme Court Limits the Reach of the Endangered Species Act](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2019

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Calmer Waters Ahead? Environmental Protection Agency Proposes New](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2019

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing Fall 2018](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | December 2018

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [New Bipartisan Federal Law Presents Opportunities for Public-Private Partnerships](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | November 2018

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Update: IRS Provides Guidance for Big Capital Gains Break](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | October 2018

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**Events: [Stormwater considerations during Risk-Based Corrective Action: A Case Study Update for the Former TECO/Hookers Point Power Plant Brownfields Site](#)**

**Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Summer 2018](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2018

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**Events: [Resolving Property Rights Disputes](#)**

Florida Chamber's Environmental Permitting Summer School | July 2018

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Proposed Changes Would Relax Endangered Species Act Restrictions](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2018

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing? | Spring 2018](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | June 2018

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Important Land Development and Environmental Issues Following Florida's 2018 Legislative Session](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2018

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Back to Local Control Over Growth Management: HB 1151 Eliminates State and Regional Review Requirements for Existing Developments of Regional Impact \(DRI\) and Other Large Projects in Florida](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2018

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**Events: [Competent Substantial Evidence Before Local Government: Heated Discussion](#)**

Florida Bar Advanced Hot Topics 2018 Seminar | | April 2018

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Important Land Development and Environmental Issues Following Florida's 2018 Legislative Session](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2018

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing? | Winter 2018](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2018

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Opportunities for Permit Extensions Available - But Claiming Them Not Always Straightforward](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2018

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [A New, Narrower Take on the "Incidental Take" of Bird Species under the MBTA](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2018

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Fall 2017](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller Update | December 2017

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Florida Appellate Court Reverses Developer's \\$16.5 Million Award and Rules in Favor of County](#)**

**Events: [Classic Takings and 2017 Cases](#)**

Eminent Domain Institute | | October 2017

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**Events: [Brownfields](#)**

Florida Association of Environmental Professionals | | October 2017

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [DOAH Recommended Order Clarifies ERP Public Interest Criteria](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | October 2017

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**Events: [2017-2018 Brownfield Legislative & Technical Issues & Opportunities](#)**

Florida Brownfield Association | | October 2017

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [How Are Your Permits Affected by Hurricane Irma?](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2017

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Summer 2017](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2017

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**Ad Valorem Tax News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [Should You Challenge Your Property Tax Assessment?](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | August 2017

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [State of Emergency for Tropical Storm Emily Presents Another Opportunity to Extend Permits, As Previous Opportunity Comes to a Close](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | August 2017

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**Events: [Property Rights 101](#)**

Florida Chamber's 31st Annual Environmental Permitting Summer | | July 2017

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Landowners with Contiguous Parcels Should Heed Recent U.S. Supreme Court Decision](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2017

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Important Land Development and Environmental Issues Following Florida's 2017 Legislative Session](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2017

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**Events: [Understanding How the Endangered Species Act Impacts Property Rights While Tracing the Efforts to Modernize the Policy](#)**

National Conference of Private Forest Landowners | | June 2017

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Spring 2017](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2017

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**Events: [Boundaries and Easements](#)**

**Events: [History of Inverse Condemnation, Regulator Takings, and Exactions](#)**

Association of Eminent Domain Professionals | | March 2017

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Florida Appellate Court Confirms that Even Unusual Agricultural Uses Must be Greenbelted](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2017

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Opportunities to Reduce Mobility Fees and Monetize Impact Fee Credits as Hillsborough County's Mobility Fee Takes Effect](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2017

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Winter 2017](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2017

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**Publications: [A Tough Eight Years](#)**

Forest Landowners | October 2016

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Florida's New Emergency Rule Requiring Public Notification of Pollution: What You Need to Know](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | October 2016

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Executive Orders Present Opportunities to Extend the Duration of Qualified Development Permits Across Florida](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | October 2016

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**Election & Political Law News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Publications: [Amendment 4 Could Spur Solar Energy Investment and Development in the Sunshine State](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | August 2016

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**Events: [Property Rights 101](#)**

Florida Chamber's 30th Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School | | July 2016

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## EDUCATION

J.D., *magna cum laude*, Florida State University College of Law

*Law Review*

Gubernatorial Fellow

Order of the Coif

M.S.P., Department of Urban & Regional Planning, Florida State University

University Fellow

B.A., *cum laude*, Rhodes College

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

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## ADMISSIONS

Florida

United States District Courts for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida

United States Court of Appeals for Eleventh Circuit

The Supreme Court of the United States