# STEARNS WEAVER MILLER

## Jessica M. Icerman



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#### PRACTICE AREAS

Land Development/Land
Use/Zoning
Litigation - Land Use,
Environmental & Property Rights
Cannabis Law
Government & Administrative

#### **OVERVIEW**

Jessica Icerman is a Shareholder in the Land Development, Zoning & Environmental group and is Board Certified by The Florida Bar in City, County, and Local Government Law. She represents clients before local and state governments and in litigation on land use and land development issues. She has experience representing clients in a broad range of matters involving variances, rezonings, permitting, licensing, comprehensive plan amendments, and entitlements.

Prior to joining the firm, Jessica served as an Assistant County Attorney in the Leon County Attorney's Office. In this role, she represented the county with a focus on land use, code enforcement and local government law. She also served as an advisor for several county departments and divisions, including Development Services Division, Environmental Services Division, Code and Permit Services, Planning Department, and County administration.

She also was an associate in private practice and was a law clerk in the City of Tallahassee City Attorney's Office.

#### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

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 obtaining and successfully defending a challenge to a favorable zoning determination letter.

Successfully represented owner of a commercial shopping plaza in City of St. Pete Beach administrative appeal by neighbor challenging a nonconforming use of the property, which lead to neighbor also voluntarily dismissing sister lawsuit.

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.

In her capacity as Assistant County Attorney in the Leon County Attorney's Office:

Lead attorney on major local government issues, including medical marijuana, cell towers in the rights-of-way and revising the sign code

Represented Leon County in quasi-judicial hearings

Defended Leon County in appeals of County decisions

#### PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, 2020-Present Board of Governors, 2023-Present

Chair, Housing, Land Use and Development Committee, 2024-2025

Public Policy Council, 2020-Present Vice Chair, 2025-Present

Vice Chair, Sustainability Committee, 2021

St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Leadership St. Pete (LSP), Class of 2024

Tampa Bay Builders Association (TBBA), 2019-Present

The Florida Bar, City, County and Local Government Law Section, Chair of the Social Media Subcommittee, 2021-2023

Urban Plan Institute, Volunteer, 2018-2020

Guardian ad-Litem, Volunteer, 2017-2021

Tallahassee Women Lawyers (TWL), Executive Board, 2017-2020

FSU College of Law Women's Law Symposium, Mentor, 2016-2020

Florida Association of County Attorneys, 2015-2019

Chair, Growth Management Committee, 2018-2019

Amicus Curiae Committee, 2017-2019

Cell Tower-ROW Task Force, 2017

#### RECOGNITION

Tampa Bay Business Journal, 40 Under 40 Honoree, 2024

Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch, 2021-Present

Florida Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2023-Present

Florida Trend's Florida Legal Elite, Up & Comer, 2020

#### **PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

Land Development News Update, Publications: Rotunda Report Week 2 | March 10-14, 2025

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2025

Publications: Gas Plant District: Mixed-Use Development Essential for Transformative Success

St. Pete Chamber of Commerce | February 2024

Events: Florida Land Use and Environmental Dispute Resolution Act: Settling Local Land Use Disputes

CLE International's Florida Land Use Law Conference | | August 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: What's Developing | Summer 2023

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2023

 ${\bf Affordable\ Housing\ News\ Update, Government\ Affairs\ News\ Update, Land\ Development\ News\ Update, Publications:}$ 

**Live Local Act Signed Into Law** 

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2023

Land Development News Update, Publications: Hillsborough County Proposes Significant Updates to Comprehensive Plan

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | October 2022

Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: Hillsborough County Proposes Significant Updates to Comprehensive Plan

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2022

Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: What's Developing | Spring 2022

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2022

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

Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: What's Developing | Winter 2022

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2022

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Publications: Crème de law Admin | Winter 2021

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2022

Land Development News Update, Publications: Pasco County Expands Multi-Family Moratorium while Hillsborough County Plans to Extend Another Moratorium

Government & Administrative News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: City of Tallahassee Proposes "Glitch" Revisions to Land Development Code

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2021

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

Land Development News Update, Publications: Hillsborough County Studying Comprehensive Plan Updates to Facilitate Affordable Housing

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2021

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID Legal Compass | Edition 25

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2021

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

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2021

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID Legal Compass | Edition 24

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2021

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID Legal Compass | Edition 23

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | December 2020

**Events: Legal and Regulatory Status of Urban Agriculture in Florida** 

University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences | November 2020

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

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

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | October 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID Legal Compass | Edition 22

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | October 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID Legal Compass | Edition 21

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID Legal Compass | Edition 20

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID Legal Compass | Edition 19

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2020

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

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID Legal Compass | Edition 18

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | August 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID Legal Compass | Edition 17

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID-19 Legal Compass | Edition 16

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID-19 Legal Compass | Edition 15

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2020

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Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | June 2020

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Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | June 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID-19 Legal Compass | Edition 12

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | June 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID-19 Legal Compass | Edition 11

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | June 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID-19 Legal Compass | Edition 10

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID-19 Legal Compass | Edition 9

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2020

**Events: Socially-Distanced Local Government w/ Jessica Icerman** 

REGULATED Podcast | May 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID-19 Legal Compass | Edition 8

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2020

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

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID-19 Legal Compass | COVID-19 Updates | Edition 7

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID-19 Legal Compass | COVID-19 Updates | Edition 6 Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID-19 Legal Compass | COVID-19 Updates | Edition 5 Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2020

Events: WEBINAR: Let's Get Virtual! - Virtual Local Government Hearings Amid the COVID Crisis

Stearns Weaver Miller Webinar | | April 2020

**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

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID-19 Legal Compass | Timely and Significant COVID-19 Updates | Edition 4

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID-19 Legal Compass | Timely and Significant COVID-19 Updates | Edition 3

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2020

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

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: COVID-19 Legal Compass | Timely and Significant COVID-19 Updates | Edition 2

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land
Development News Update, Publications: COVID-19 Legal Compass | Timely and Significant COVID-19 Updates
Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2020

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

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

Land Development News Update, Publications: Major Land Use and Development Policies Discussions Continue in Hillsborough County

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2020

Land Development News Update, Publications: Major Evolution in Land Use and Development Policies Ahead in Hillsborough County

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | December 2019

Land Development News Update, Publications: What's Developing | Winter 2019-2020

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | December 2019

**Events: Environmental and Land Use Law at a Glance** 

ELULS of the Florida Bar | October 2018

Events: Competent Substantial Evidence Before Local Government: Heated Discussion

ELULS/Administrative Law Section of the Florida Bar Advanced Hot Topics Seminar | | April 2018

**Events: Local Government Policy and Law** 

FSU College of Law Democratic Law Student Association | October 2017

Publications: Will the Silvicultural Exemption Survive? An Update on Northwest Environmental Defense Center V. Brown

ABA Forest Resources Committee Newsletter | June 2012

#### **NEWSROOM**

In the Media: 40 Under 40 Honorees

October 2024

In the Media: Meet Jessica Icerman, a 2024 40 Under 40 honoree

Tampa Bay Business Journal | | October 2024

Firm Announcements: Jessica Icerman Selected as a 2024 Tampa Bay Business Journal 40 Under 40 Honoree

| August 2024

In the Media: With Leadership St. Pete, St. Pete Youth Farm unveils new kitchen, event space

I Love The Burg | May 2024

In the Media: Leadership class celebrates Youth Farm renovations

Catalyst | | May 2024

In the Media: Council greenlights 'historic' gas station's transformation

The St. Pete Catalyst | | May 2023

In the Media: 'Historic' gas station's transformation clears first hurdle

Catalyst | | April 2023

In the Media: Will St. Pete's oldest gas station become 'historic'?

| February 2023

Firm Announcements: Stearns Weaver Miller Names Five New Shareholders

| September 2021

In the Media: Hillsborough nixes job rule from Wimauma land plan

Tampa Bay Times | | August 2021

Firm Announcements: Stearns Weaver Miller honored with 2020 Tallahassee Women Lawyers Diversity & Inclusion Leadership Award

| June 2020

Firm Announcements: Former Leon County Assistant County Attorney Jessica M. Icerman Joins Stearns Weaver Miller in Tampa

| January 2020

In the Media: Briefcase: Jan. 5

Tallahassee Democrat | | January 2020

#### **EDUCATION**

J.D., Florida State University College of Law, 2012

#### Environmental and Land Use Law Certificate

B.A., University of Florida, 2009

### **ADMISSIONS**

Florida

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

Board Certified by The Florida Bar in City, County, and Local Government Law