

## Carl Eldred



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### PRACTICE AREAS

Environmental & Natural  
Resources

Land Development/Land  
Use/Zoning

Real Estate

Government & Administrative

### OVERVIEW

Carl Eldred has nearly 20 years of experience counseling clients on solid and hazardous waste management and compliance, waste recycling and clean up, alternative fuels, and hazardous substance and pollutant releases. He routinely advises utility, industrial, chemical manufacturing, and developer clients regarding the remediation and redevelopment of large-scale contaminated properties in relation to both groundwater and soil, including the use of risk-based corrective action and brownfield incentives and grant programs.

Carl also represents clients on regulatory and compliance matters at federal, state and local levels, including representation before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Justice and Florida Department of Environmental Protection. He is highly skilled in defending agency enforcement actions resulting from facility inspections, accidental releases, alleged permit violations, and historic site contamination.

Carl has also worked with Community Development Districts and Special Districts throughout Florida on various issues related to contracts, property transactions, public procurement, ethics and public records.

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## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Negotiates state and federal corrective action orders and counsels clients on related compliance matters. Examples include the negotiated resolution of a CERCLA enforcement action with the U.S. Department of Agriculture involving low-level radioactive wastes, and the representation of a chemical manufacturing client in an enforcement action brought by the U.S. EPA as part of a national enforcement initiative.

Represents clients in U.S. EPA Rulemakings, including Coal Combustion Residuals and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Rules.

Represents clients in Florida Department of Environmental Protection Rulemakings, including contamination cleanup,

solid and hazardous waste management, waste cleanup, management of coal combustions residuals, storage tanks and brownfields.

Assisted chemical manufacturing client with corporate due diligence for a multi-billion dollar acquisition and sale of assets.

Represents Florida and regional electric utilities before state and federal regulatory agencies on various solid waste, hazardous waste, and contamination release and remediation matters.

Represents clients in the defense of state and federal enforcement actions, including litigation and the negotiation of administrative orders on consent and corrective action orders.

Counsels and assists utility, industry and chemical manufacturing clients on solid and hazardous waste management compliance, including beneficial use and recycling issues and opportunities.

Routinely counsels clients regarding the remediation and redevelopment of contaminated properties, including the use of risk-based corrective action and brownfield incentives and grant programs.

Counsels clients on the regulatory obligations associated with the release or discovery of hazardous wastes and substances.

Represents clients in real estate transactions involving the purchase and sale of contaminated properties or properties undergoing waste cleanup.

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## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Florida Bar, Environmental and Land Use Law Section (ELULS), 2004-2016  
Chair, 2015-2016

Children's Miracle Network, 2007-2017

Air and Waste Management Association (AWMA), Big Bend Chapter, Director, 2010-2012

Leadership Tallahassee, Class 28, 2011

Community Human Service Partnership, 2011

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## RECOGNITION

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

The Stephens/Register Award, The Florida Bar, Environmental and Land Use Law Section, 2012

*Florida Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2010

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## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 5 | February 5-9, 2024](#)

**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Industrial Wastewater Discharge Legislation - PFAS and 1,4-Dioxane Limits](#)**

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2024

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**Events: [Remediation Strategies & Case Studies](#)**

37th Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School | | July 2023

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**Events: [What is PFAS and Why is Everyone Talking About It?](#)**

AIF Florida Water Forum | | December 2022

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**Events: [Remediation Strategies & Case Studies](#)**

36th Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School | | July 2022

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**Land Development News Update, Publications: [Property Due Diligence and the Consideration of PFAS](#)**

Stearns Weaver Millers News Update | November 2021

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**Events: [What's New in Waste and Waste Cleanup - a Regulatory Update](#)**

Air & Waste Management Association Coastal Plains Chapter Meeting | | November 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: [Remediation Strategies and Case Studies](#)**

Florida Chamber's Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School, July 2019-2021 | | September 2021

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**Events: [Coal Combustion Residuals Rule – Public Meetings](#)**

Florida Air & Waste Management Association Annual Conference | | November 2020

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**Events: [Lifecycle of a Real Estate Transaction – Environmental Due Diligence](#)**

Florida State University School of Law | | January 2020

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**Events: [Coal Combustion Residuals - Forecasting Significant Changes from EPA's Newest Requirements](#)**

Florida Air & Waste Management Association Annual Conference | | December 2019

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**Events: [The Federal Coal Combustion Residuals Rule – Implementing Groundwater Monitoring/Corrective Action Requirements](#)**

Florida Air & Waste Management Association Annual Conference | | November 2019

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**Events: [Coal Combustion Residuals Roundtable](#)**

Florida Air & Waste Management Association Annual Conference | | October 2017

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**Events: [Risk Based Corrective Action Practical Applications and Case Studies](#)**

Florida Chamber's Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School, July 2015- 2017 | | July 2017

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**Events: EPA's Coal Ash Rule – It's Been a Long Time Coming**

Florida Air & Waste Management Association Annual Conference | | October 2013

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**Publications: Transportation of Hazardous Waste and CERCLA Administrative Enforcement Process**

Florida Bar Environmental & Land Use Law Treatise | January 2012

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**Events: Waste or Alternative Fuel: Uncertainty for Combustion Units Under EPA's NHSM Rule**

Air and Waste Management Association Big Bend Chapter | | October 2011

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**Publications: Wasting Away the Treasure Chest: EPA's Definition of Solid Waste and How it Could Impact Alternative Fuel Use**

Cement Americas | October 2011

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**Events: Regulatory Implications for New Waste to Energy Projects and EPA Redefinition of Solid Waste**

Florida Chamber's Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School | | July 2011

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**Events: Waste Recycling: When Will Resources be Conserved and Recovered under RCRA?**

Florida Air & Waste Management Association Annual Conference | | June 2011

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**Publications: C&D Wood-Derived Fuel: Our Country's Lowest Hanging Fruit Is Ready for Harvest (Part 1: EPA's Recent Definition of Secondary Materials)**

C&D World | May 2011

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**Events: Environmental and Land Use Considerations for Real Estate Transaction**

The Florida Bar | | January 2010

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**Publications: Insuring Against Environmental Unknowns**

Florida State University Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law | January 2007

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**Publications: Florida Supreme Court Takes Property Owners to the Cleaner: The Impact of Aramark v. Easton**

The Florida Bar Journal | June 2005

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## NEWSROOM

**Firm Announcements: Stearns Weaver Miller Expands Tallahassee Office Space and Offered Services**

| February 2022

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**Firm Announcements: Carl Eldred Joins Stearns Weaver Miller's Statewide Land Development, Zoning & Environmental Practice**

| September 2021

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## EDUCATION

J.D., University of Richmond School of Law, 2003

Order of Barristers

LL.B., University of Hull, England, 1999

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## **ADMISSIONS**

Florida

United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida