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PRACTICE AREAS

Government & Administrative
Litigation & Dispute Resolution
Cannabis Law
Election & Political Law

OVERVIEW

Robert Walters focuses his practice on administrative litigation, civil litigation, appeals, and Florida administrative law, including regulatory compliance, licensure, administrative complaints and disciplinary proceedings, as well as election law, election compliance and non-profit association formation, compliance and management.

Robert routinely advises political candidates and committees on all aspects of compliance and enforcement of Florida's Election Code. He has representative experience from advising a mayor's re-election campaign to statewide political committees established to advocate for citizen placed ballot initiatives.

Robert is a former Certified Legal Intern for the Licensing Division of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, where he gained particular experience regulating and enforcing Chapter 493 licenses and Chapter 790 licenses of Florida Statutes and developed a broad base of knowledge in Florida's Administrative Procedures Act.

Robert also has broad knowledge of the Government Affairs arena. He has ample campaign management experience and is skilled in conducting legislative bill analysis and bill drafting. He has served as Political Director, Deputy Communications Director and as Campaign Manager for U.S. House of Representatives and Congressional nominees. He was also a Legislative Intern for U.S. Senator Bill Nelson.

In addition, Robert previously served as Special Projects Coordinator at the Orange County Tax Collector's Office, where he drafted, compiled, and lobbied on state and local issues. During the 2016 and 2017 Florida Legislative Sessions, he assisted in securing \$120,000 in grants and prevented the passing of legislation that stood to have a \$3-4 million impact on the Tax Collector's Office.

Prior to joining the Firm, Robert worked as an Assistant Public Defender for the Second Judicial Circuit, where he provided representation to indigent individuals charged with criminal offenses in both misdemeanor and criminal traffic courts, and

coordinated and negotiated with Assistant State Attorneys to resolve cases.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Florida Licensure, Administrative Complaints, & Disciplinary Proceedings

Represents licensees, regulated entities and interested parties before regulatory agencies and their professional boards, the Division of Administrative Hearings, and in Florida's circuit and appellate courts to obtain licensure and ensure compliance.

Advises and represents clients in compliance, disciplinary and appellate matters involving Florida's agencies and professional boards

Represented a Qualified Organization in obtaining a reversal of a licensure denial by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities.

Regulatory Compliance and Association Creation and Management

Routinely advises regulated entities and licensees in Florida regulatory compliance matters.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Florida Bar

Administrative Law Section, 2021-Present

Tallahassee Bar Association

Young Lawyers Section, Board of Directors, 2022-Present

William H. Stafford Inn of Court, Associate, 2021-Present

Young Democrats of Orange County, President, 2016-2017

RECOGNITION

Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch, 2023-Present

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Events: Ethical Best Practices for 2024 Elections

Florida Tax Collectors Association Fall Conference | May 2024

Publications: [Legislative Tax Package includes Live Local Property Tax Exemption Opt-out Provisions for Taxing Authorities](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2024

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

Events: [WEBINAR: SB 328 - The 2024 Live Local Act](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller Webinar | | March 2024

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 9 | March 4-8, 2024](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2024

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 8 | February 26-March 1, 2024](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2024

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 7 | February 19-23, 2024](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2024

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

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

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2024

Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Winter 2024](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2024

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

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2024

Government & Administrative News Update, Publications: [Crème de law Admin | Summer 2022](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | August 2022

Events: [Ethics Training Part I: Art. II, Section 8\(a\)-\(f\) & \(h\) of the Florida Constitution, Conflict of Interest Requirements & Case Studies](#)

FACO Virtual Summer Conference | | July 2022

Events: [Constitutional Officer Independence & Public Officer Standing Part I: Doctrine History](#)

FACO Virtual Summer Conference | | July 2022

Publications: [Appellate Case Notes](#)

Administrative Law Section of The Florida Bar Newsletter | | June 2022

Events: [Ethics for Florida Government Employees](#)

| April 2022

Government & Administrative News Update, Publications: Two New Laws Immediately Impact Florida Healthcare Providers

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2022

Publications: Appellate Case Notes

Administrative Law Section of The Florida Bar Newsletter | March 2022

Publications: COVID Special Session Update

Winter Edition of the Tallahassee Bar Association's Bar Bulletin | February 2022

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

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2022

Publications: Appellate Case Notes

Administrative Law Section of The Florida Bar Newsletter | December 2021

Publications: Vaccine Requirements in the Hiring Process

Fall Edition of the Tallahassee Bar Association's Bar Bulletin | October 2021

Publications: Appellate Case Notes

Administrative Law Section of The Florida Bar Newsletter | September 2021

Publications: Appellate Case Notes

Administrative Law Section of The Florida Bar Newsletter | June 2021

NEWSROOM

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

| February 2022

In the Media: DOI Looks To Ax Suit Over Tribe's Fla. Sports Betting Permit

Law360 | | October 2021

Firm Announcements: Stearns Weaver Miller Continues to Strengthen Tallahassee Footprint

| May 2021

EDUCATION

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

FSU Mock Trial Team, Treasurer

Dean's List

B.A., University of Central Florida

ADMISSIONS

Florida

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

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit