

Gigi Rollini and Bridget Smitha Bring Licensure to Florida Bar Administrative Law Curriculum

TALLAHASSEE, FL – October 29, 2018 - Stearns Weaver Miller announced that Gigi Rollini and Bridget Smitha will be presenting "<u>Florida Licensure</u>" at The Florida Bar Basic Administrative Law program in Tallahassee on November 2, 2018. This will be the first time that licensure is a topic in the Basic Administrative Law curriculum, which feature legal education courses designed to satisfy the Basic Skills Course Requirement for all new lawyers within their first year of practice.

"Licensure is a necessity in the modern world of administrative law," explained Gigi Rollini. "There is much more to licensure than simply applying for a license. Once licensed, individuals, facilities and businesses must comply with a patchwork of requirements and regulations, and need representation if an administrative complaint is filed against the license for the failure to do so. Licensees can also engage in Florida's public rulemaking process and in rule challenges to shape regulations that may be inappropriate, oppressive or expensive."

Gigi Rollini's practice encompasses administrative and civil litigation and appeals, and all aspects of Florida administrative law, including regulatory compliance, licensure, administrative complaints and disciplinary proceedings, government contracts, procurement and bid protests, rulemaking and rule challenges, state and local taxation, and non-profit incorporation, management and compliance.

"From real estate to alcoholic beverages and tobacco, to athletes and health & medicine, Florida law requires many professional activities to be state-licensed," said Bridget Smitha. "We are excited to provide new lawyers with a solid understanding of the requirements, proceedings and compliance associated with occupational licensure."

Bridget Smitha frequently assists businesses in obtaining or transferring liquor licenses, and placing quota licenses in inactive status or subject to lien. She has extensive experience advising clients with licensure applications, responding to inquiries and investigations, and defending clients against adverse action or application denials.

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