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PRACTICE AREAS

Government Affairs
Land Development, Zoning &
Environmental
Government & Administrative
Healthcare

LANGUAGES

Spanish

OVERVIEW

Marco Paredes is a Shareholder and serves as the Director of Government Affairs for the Firm. Marco helps clients formulate and execute strategies to achieve their desired policy goals by analyzing, regularly tracking the progress of, and advocating for and affecting state legislation and regulation impacting clients' business interests and priorities.

Marco provides clients with strategic guidance and insight, pulling from his extensive experience developing and implementing policy, his strong relationships with government decision-makers, and his broad knowledge of the process and issues before the Florida Legislature, state government agencies, and local governments. Marco uses his relationships with key elected officials and external stakeholders to navigate, influence, and facilitate favorable change in line with clients' objectives.

Marco has over 18 years of experience in the public and private sectors. His legislative, executive agency, and public policy experience is diverse, having served as a liaison to the executive and legislative branches of government. Through varied former positions, Marco established a deep understanding of the policy-making process at the federal, state and local levels.

Prior to joining the firm, Marco served as Associate Director for Health for an influential state advocacy organization; as Vice President of Regional Governmental Affairs for a Fortune 500 managed healthcare company; as Legislative Affairs Director for the Florida Department of Health; as Senior Manager of State Governmental Affairs for one of the world's leading biotechnology companies; as Director of Public Policy and Government Relations for a major children's hospital in Miami; and as Legislative Director for a Miami Dade County Commissioner.

Areas of Concentration

Governmental & Agency Affairs

Bill & Amendment Drafting

Issues Research & Management

Intelligence Gathering, Evaluation & Monitoring of Legislation

Legislative Strategy

Florida Executive Branch and Agencies

Florida Legislature

Federal Agencies

Local Governments

Coalition Management

Public Policy

Public Relations

Health Policy

Ethics Compliance

Strategic Political Counsel

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Drafted and passed legislation that helped clarify statute ensuring that all credits against impact fee collections must be made regardless of any provision adopted by a local government. This change assisted an existing client with their ongoing negotiations with a local government.

Represented developer client in passing omnibus legislation that made changes to Chapters 718, 719 and 720 of Florida Statutes clarifying how community association boards can operate during a state public health emergency, streamlined community documents and increased transparency. The bill also removed an onerous conflict of interest provision from statute affecting client's community association.

Worked collaboratively with a client and the National Guard Association of Florida to secure a state appropriation of \$4 million for a workforce training program that allows the client to continue to provide their training services to members of Florida's National Guard.

Collaborated with the Land Development group and broad developer coalition to draft and ultimately pass legislation, which allows the transfer of impact fee credits within the same impact fee zone or district, or an adjoining zone or district within the same local jurisdiction.

Coordinated rate setting strategy before state agency for health care company's Medicaid managed care business in Florida resulting in a significant rate increase as well as the creation of proposed quality measures for people with serious mental illness.

Led managed care business development in other states including collaborating with external stakeholders on managed care concept using new flexibility for institutions for mental disease (IMD) hospitals to treat the mentally ill who are

uninsured and renewal of existing state contract for care coordination of children in out of home placement.

Passed state agency priority legislation on several public health issues such as health care practitioner licensing, public health emergencies, regulation of pain management clinics and newborn screening.

Collaborated with state agency senior leaders to direct legislative engagement and outreach on several emerging public health threats.

Secured federal appropriation of \$4 million for various health care capital projects.

Passed local ordinances on such issues as campaign finance, price gouging, and the creation of a motorcycle based fire-rescue pilot program.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Tallahassee Bar Association (TBA), 2023-Present

Association of Florida Community Developers Inc. (AFCD), 2020-Present

Chair, Growth Management, Transportation & Infrastructure (GTI) Task Force, 2022-2024

Chair, Special Districts & Associations Task Force, 2021-2022

Florida Home Builders Association, 2020-Present

Legal Action Committee, 2023

Florida Association of Professional Lobbyists, 2020-Present

The Florida Bar Governmental & Public Policy Advocacy Committee, 2021-Present

The Florida Bar Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section (RPPTL), 2021-Present

Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare Foundation, Board of Trustees, 2019-Present

Florida Pregnancy Care Network, Board of Directors, 2019-Present

Circuit Two First Step, Board Treasurer, 2017-Present

Martyrs of La Florida Missions, Board of Directors, 2012-Present

Catholic Health Association of the United States, Executives of State Catholic Health Associations and Conferences Group, 2017-2019

Florida Association of Health Plans, Government Affairs, Finance, and Medicaid Committees, 2016-2017

Blessed Sacrament Church, Parish Council Member, 2013-2015

Knight Creative Communities Institute, Community Catalyst, 2012-2013

Literacy Volunteers of Leon County, English as Second Language Tutor, 2012-2013

Puerto Rico Pharmaceutical Industry Association, Government Affairs Committee 2009 – 2012
Chair, 2011

Vice Chair, 2010

BioFlorida, 2008-2012

Board of Directors, 2012

Government Affairs Committee, 2008-2012

GeorgiaBio, 2008-2012

Biosimilars Policy Working Group, 2012

Government Affairs Committee, 2008-2012

National Association of Children's Hospital, Public Policy Committee, 2003-2006

RECOGNITION

Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch, 2023-Present

Florida Construction Power 100 in City & State Florida, 2023

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

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

Publications: [Florida Senate and House of Representatives Pass Senate Bill 328 Amending the 2023 Live Local Act](#)

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](#)

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: [Rotunda Report Week 4 | January 29-February 2, 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

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 3 | January 22-26, 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 Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 2 | January 16-19, 2024](#)

| January 2024

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 1 | January 9-12, 2024](#)

| January 2024

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

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Interim Committee Week | December 11-15, 2023](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | December 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Interim Committee Week | December 4-7, 2023](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | December 2023

Affordable Housing News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [Florida Housing Finance Corporation Releases New Frequently Asked Questions for the Missing Middle Ad Valorem Tax Certification Program](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | December 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Interim Committee Week 5 | November 13-17, 2023](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | November 2023

Events: [Legislative Developments Affecting the Real Estate Industry](#)

Florida Eminent Domain Conference | | November 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Special Session 2023C & Interim Committee Week 4 | November 6-9, 2023](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | November 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Special Session 2023C Announced | November 6-9, 2023](#)

| October 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Interim Committee Week 3 | October 16-20, 2023](#)

| October 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Interim Committee Week 2 | October 9-13, 2023](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | October 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Interim Committee Week 1 | September 18-22, 2023](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2023

Publications: [Wrap-up of the 2023 Legislative Session](#)

Tallahassee Bar Association Bulletin | August 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Summer 2023](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2023

Events: [WEBINAR: SB102 “The Live Local Act”](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller Webinar | | May 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 9 | May 1-5](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 8 | April 24-28](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 6 | April 10-13](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2023

Publications: [At the Halfway Point of the 2023 Legislative Session](#)

Tallahassee Bar Association Bulletin | April 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 5 | April 3-7](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2023

Publications: [Senate Bill 102: How the “Live Local Act” Incentivizes Affordable and Workforce Housing in the State of Florida](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 4 | March 27-31](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2023

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

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 3 | March 20-24](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 2 | March 13-17](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 1 | March 6-10](#)

Stearns Weaver Millers News Update | March 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Interim Committee Week #7](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Interim Committee Week #6](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Interim Committee Week #5](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Interim Committee Week #4](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2023

Publications: [Live Local, Attainable Housing for Florida's Workforce](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Interim Committee Week #3](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2023

Publications: [Legislative Special Session Review & Committee Weeks](#)

Tallahassee Bar Association Bulletin | January 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Interim Committee Week #2](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2023

Publications: [Interim Committee Week #1](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | December 2022

Publications: [Hurricane Ian & Legislative Special Session](#)

Tallahassee Bar Association Bulletin | November 2022

Publications: [3 Florida Constitutional Amendments on the November Ballot](#)

Tallahassee Bar Association Bulletin | October 2022

Ad Valorem Tax News Update, Publications: [Extension of Payment Deadlines Due to Hurricane Ian](#)

Stearns Weaver Millers News Update | October 2022

Events: [Florida Land Use and Environmental Law Update](#)

Florida Eminent Domain Conference | | October 2022

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

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2022

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

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | August 2022

Publications: [The Way Too Early 2023 Legislative Session Preview](#)

Tallahassee Bar Association Bulletin | August 2022

Events: [It's Not the End of the World, Just the End of Another Session: Making Sense of Legal Notices Going Digital and Changes to Building Regulations](#)

Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section Executive Council Meeting | | July 2022

Events: [A Look Back at the 2022 Legislative Session](#)

Tallahassee Bar Association | | June 2022

Publications: [Wake Up: What Every Florida Employer Needs to Know About the "Stop WOKE Act"](#)

BeLabor the Point Blog | April 2022

Government & Administrative News Update, Publications: [Two New Laws Immediately Impact Florida Healthcare Providers](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2022

Events: [WEBINAR: 2022 Florida Legislative Session Wrap Up](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller Webinar | | April 2022

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 9 | March 7-11](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2022

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 8 | February 28 - March 4](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2022

Publications: [Can You Force Your Employees to Arbitrate Sexual Harassment Claims?](#)

BeLabor the Point Blog | March 2022

Government & Administrative News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 7 | February 21-25](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2022

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 6 | February 14-18](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2022

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

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2022

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 5 | February 7-11](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2022

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 4 | January 31 - February 4](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2022

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 3 | January 24-28](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2022

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 2 | January 17-21](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2022

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Rotunda Report Week 1 | January 11-14](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2022

Events: [WEBINAR: A Preview of the 2022 Florida Legislative Session](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller Webinar | | January 2022

Publications: [Florida's New Anti-Vaccine Mandate Law](#)

BeLabor the Point Blog | November 2021

Publications: [Stuck In The Middle With You](#)

BeLabor the Point Blog | November 2021

Events: [Florida Land Use and Environmental Law Update](#)

Florida Eminent Domain Conference | | November 2021

Events: [Condo Gaggle: Legislative Lay of the Land going into the 2022 Regular Session](#)

Community Associations Institute Florida Legislative Alliance | | November 2021

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

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

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

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2021

Government Affairs News Update, Publications: [Has Permanent Alimony Met its Demise in Florida? Stay Tuned...](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 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

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

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

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

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Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2020

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Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | August 2020

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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

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

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

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 Legal Compass | Edition 14](#)

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 13](#)

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](#)

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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 10](#)

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 | Edition 9](#)

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 | Edition 8](#)

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

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Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2020

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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](#)

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, Publications: [\\$2 Trillion CARES Act - What You Need To Know](#)

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

Government & Administrative News Update, Publications: [Crème de law Admin | Winter 2020](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2020

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

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | December 2019

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

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2019

NEWSROOM

In the Media: [Tallahassee Business Podcast: Ep. 128 Live Local Act: What Does it Mean For Businesses?](#)

Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce | | April 2023

In the Media: [The Florida Construction Power 100](#)

City & State Florida | | February 2023

In the Media: [The 'Heat' Around the Corner](#)

Florida Politics | | September 2022

In the Media: [Stearns Weaver Adds Former Assistant AG In Tallahassee](#)

Law360 | | March 2021

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Names Marco T. Paredes, Jr. as Shareholder](#)

| February 2021

In the Media: [Sunburn — The morning read of what’s hot in Florida politics — 2.27.20](#)

| February 2020

Firm Announcements: [Marco T. Paredes, Jr. Inducted as Member of Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare Foundation Board of Trustees](#)

| December 2019

In the Media: [Briefcase: Sept. 22](#)

Tallahassee Democrat || September 2019

Firm Announcements: [Marco Paredes Joins Stearns Weaver Miller as Director of Governmental Affairs](#)

| August 2019

In the Media: [Personnel note: Marco T. Paredes Jr. joins Stearns Weaver Miller](#)

Florida Politics || August 2019

In the Media: [Sunburn — The morning read of what’s hot in Florida politics](#)

Florida Politics || August 2019

In the Media: [Director of Governmental Affairs Marco T. Paredes, Jr. Joins Tallahassee Office](#)

Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce || August 2019

EDUCATION

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2000

B.A., University of Miami, 1997

A.A., Miami Dade College, 1995

ADMISSIONS

Florida