

Carla I. Garcia Joins Stearns Weaver Miller in Miami

MIAMI, FL – May 3, 2021 – Stearns Weaver Miller announced that Carla I. Garcia has joined the Firm's Miami office as a Shareholder in the Real Estate group. She will focus her practice on commercial transactions and lending.

Carla represents lenders and investors in multiple types of commercial transactions including real estate and non-real estate secured, asset-based, and construction loans. She is highly experienced with structuring and negotiating distressed loans including loan modifications, workouts and loan sale transactions.

Prior to joining the Firm, Carla had over 15 years of experience working as in-house counsel for two major financial institutions, including at one of the largest financial institutions in the state of Florida. These positions provide her with unique insight into the inner workings of banks and her knowledge of the operational and legal functions of processing and closing loans provides a strategic advantage to clients.

As in-house counsel, she provided guidance to bank departments, including credit risk and lending divisions, and managed the Loan Closing Department. Carla directed a team, headed a title company and completed numerous transactions over the years, as well as managed outside counsel. She also assisted with external and internal audit reviews and created risk-minimizing policies. Before going in-house, Carla represented borrowers, including real estate developers and investors.

“Carla’s substantial in-house experience at large financial institutions provides our Real Estate Lending practice with a unique perspective,” said Managing Director Rick Schatz. “Her insights will be an asset to clients and we are pleased to welcome her to the Firm.”

The Firm’s [statewide lending practice](#) has seen marked growth over the past few years, adding Shareholders [Barbara Ferrer](#) and [Rebecca Mendez](#) in Miami, Shareholder [Jennifer Powers](#) in Tampa, and Attorney [P. Taylor Yawney](#) in Miami.

Carla earned her J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law and her B.A. from the University of Florida.

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