

Land Development and Real Estate Shareholder Elise Batsel and Attorney Kevin Reali Join Stearns Weaver Miller

MIAMI, FL – May 2019 - Stearns Weaver Miller announced that Shareholder Elise Batsel and attorney Kevin Reali have joined the Firm's Tampa office in the Land Development and Real Estate groups.

In the land development arena, Elise represents national and local developers before various governmental bodies throughout Florida to obtain entitlements for multi-family, commercial, industrial, hotel, and mixed-use projects. She also advises clients regarding the redevelopment of environmentally impacted sites and environmental and wetland permitting issues. Kevin represents businesses before various governmental bodies around the state regarding variances, rezonings, entitlements, and comprehensive plan amendments.

In the Real Estate arena, Elise and Kevin both represent developers, lenders, and national corporations in real estate acquisitions, dispositions, financings, and leasing transactions.

"We are pleased to welcome Elise and Kevin to the Firm," said Managing Director Rick Schatz. "There is an extraordinary opportunity for real estate development in the Tampa Bay region and our team is at the forefront. The experience, knowledge, and relationships that Elise and Kevin bring will further enhance our ability to assist clients with projects that are transforming the area."

The Firm's footprint in Tampa has been growing steadily over the past several years, with the addition of [Vin Marchetti, Jake Cremer and Claire Carraway](#) in 2015, [Christian O'Ryan, Carol Myers](#) and [Aubrey Burris](#) in 2016, [Jeff Collier, Janet Goldberg McEnery and Andy McLaughlin](#) in 2017 and Associate Director of Zoning & Planning, [Abbye Feeley](#)* in 2019. The Land Development group in particular has seen marked growth. The statewide team consists of 25 attorneys, 3 in-house planners, a Geographic Information System Director, and a Director of Valuation Research.

Elise earned her J.D., with honors, from the University of Florida College of Law and her B.A., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Colorado. View Elise's full bio [here](#).

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Kevin earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Stetson University College of Law and his B.S., *magna cum laude*, from the University of South Florida. View Kevin's full bio [here](#).

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