

Marco Paredes Joins Stearns Weaver Miller as Director of Governmental Affairs

TALLAHASSEE, FL – Aug. 19, 2019 - Stearns Weaver Miller announced that Marco T. Paredes, Jr.* has joined the Firm's Tallahassee office as Director of Governmental Affairs. Marco will help 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.

"Stearns Weaver Miller's collaborative, state-wide approach, depth of resources and unique technological tools have already distinguished the group as a top legal provider across Florida," said Paredes. *"I am excited to take the firm's Governmental Affairs practice to the next level."*

Marco has over 15 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 of 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.

"Marco has extensive experience developing and implementing policy, strong relationships with government decision-makers, and a broad knowledge of the process and issues before the Florida Legislature, state government agencies, and local governments. These skills will be instrumental in helping our clients navigate and impact legislation and regulation to facilitate favorable change," said Managing Director Rick Schatz.

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