

## Stearns Weaver Miller Adds Jeffrey V. Nelson in Fort Lauderdale

Fort Lauderdale, FL – May 18, 2020 – Stearns Weaver Miller announced that Jeffrey V. Nelson has joined the Firm’s Fort Lauderdale office as a Shareholder. Jeff will work with the Real Estate and Litigation groups on all construction-related matters.

Jeff has over 30 years' experience representing owners, developers, and contractors in private development and public construction projects in and outside the USA. His transactional practice focuses on contract drafting, negotiation, and project management, implementing various project delivery systems (bid-build, design-build, public-private partnerships, and privately financed projects). His dispute resolution practice includes mediation, litigation, and arbitration of contract disputes including claims for defects, extra cost and delay.

Prior to joining the Firm, Jeff owned his own practice in Fort Lauderdale, where he provided general counsel and outside counsel services to construction and development industry clients. He was also a Shareholder at a private, Florida construction law firm and spent significant time abroad, holding executive management positions in European real estate and construction companies where he gained valuable experience providing strategic guidance, legal & risk management, capital markets/investor support and commencement of operations in several new markets/countries.

Jeff is conversationally fluent in Spanish and Italian. He earned his B.A. from Emory University and his J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center.

“Jeff is one of the most recognized construction lawyers in the State of Florida,” said Managing Director Rick Schatz. “Jeff brings to our real estate and litigation groups superb skills and experience in contract drafting and negotiation and expertise that will be enormously important to our litigators who routinely address construction disputes in arbitration or court that cannot be resolved amicably. We are thrilled he is joining the Firm.”

The Firm’s construction litigation experience is extensive. It includes the Miami Heat’s claim of design malpractice against the architects who designed the American Airlines Arena, tens of millions in insurance claims involving a destructive fire of a high rise building on Key Biscayne, and the successful defense of claims by contractors, and design professionals against the Firm’s client, All Aboard Florida, involving the Miami station.

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