

Stearns Weaver Miller Names Four New Shareholders

MIAMI, FL — September 11, 2020 — Stearns Weaver Miller announced that Melanie R. Leitman from the Firm's Tallahassee office and Albert D. Lichy, Brett G. Marcus and Morgan A. McDonough from the Firm's Miami office have been promoted to Shareholders.

Melanie R. Leitman focuses her practice on employment defense litigation and general civil litigation, including matters involving state constitutional issues, tort defense, general business and contract disputes, and state and federal appellate advocacy. Melanie also advises both public and private entities in administrative litigation and regulatory compliance, including in professional and facility licensure, compliance and discipline, and health care, education, insurance, and other regulated industries. Melanie earned her J.D., with high honors, from Florida State University College of Law. View Melanie's <u>full bio</u>.

Albert D. Lichy represents businesses of all sizes in various stages of litigation and regularly provides transaction-related strategic advice. He also helps businesses assess the risk and opportunities in pursuing and defending a lawsuit, which often involves crafting bespoke transactional solutions. Prior to joining the Firm, Albert worked at a restructuring-oriented boutique investment bank in New York City, a global financial services law firm and served as an Assistant County Attorney at the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office. Albert served as a law clerk for the Honorable Thomas L. Ambro, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the Honorable Paul C. Huck, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. He was also a judicial extern for the Honorable Alex Kozinski, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Albert earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from University of Pennsylvania Law School. View Albert's <u>full bio</u>.

Brett G. Marcus focuses his practice on complex real estate transactions including joint venture partnerships, affordable housing transactions, and the acquisition, lease, sale, development and management of commercial and residential properties. Prior to joining the Firm, Brett served as a judicial intern for The Honorable Constance C. Russell of the Fulton County Superior Court in Atlanta. Brett earned his J.D. and Transactional Law Certification from the Emory University School of Law. View Brett's <u>full bio</u>.

Morgan A. McDonough practices in all areas of commercial litigation, focusing on challenges to Ad Valorem Tax assessments. Prior to joining the firm, Morgan served as a law clerk and as a judicial intern for The Honorable Robert Scola, Jr. in both the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida and in the Circuit Court for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida. Morgan earned her J.D., *cum laude,* from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. View Morgan's <u>full bio</u>.

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