

## Vinette Godelia Elected As Chair of Tampa Bay Builders Association Hillsborough Governmental Affairs Committee

**MIAMI, FL** — November 15, 2021 — Stearns Weaver Miller announced that [Land Development, Zoning & Environmental](#) Shareholder [Vinette Godelia](#) has been elected as the 2021-2022 Chair of the Tampa Bay Builders Association (“TBBA”) Hillsborough Governmental Affairs Committee. The TBBA is a volunteer trade organization that aims to enhance the building industry in Pasco, Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties. It is affiliated with the Florida Home Builders Association and the National Association of Home Builders and is comprised of builders, developers, trade contractors, suppliers, lending institutions, title companies, engineers, attorneys and other types of businesses that have a relationship to the building industry.

The TBBA Governmental Affairs Committee works directly with government to foster positive conditions for builders and to improve the economic and legal environment for the building industry. Committee members meet regularly with government officials to share and resolve industry concerns in the legislative, regulatory and legal arenas.

“The homebuilding industry is very heavily regulated,” said Godelia. “I look forward to partnering with the TBBA to take a proactive approach to navigating the governmental policies and decisions that will impact the future of our community.”

Vinette represents private and public sector clients before local, regional and state agencies, courts and elected bodies regarding land use and real estate development issues. She focuses her practice on the defense and negotiation of complex approvals under Florida’s growth management laws and local government regulations. Vinette counsels clients in a wide-range of matters involving entitlements, permitting, compliance, licensing, rezonings, special districts, Development of Regional Impact (DRIs) review and rescission, comprehensive planning, zoning and strategic planning as well as development agreements. She is also experienced in challenging, securing and defending development entitlements in formal hearings before the Division of Administrative Hearings and circuit and appellate courts.

Vinette is consistently recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Environmental Law and Administrative Law as well as in *Florida Super Lawyers*.

In addition to TBBA, Vinette is also involved in The Florida Bar Real Property, Probate Trust Law Section, where she serves on the Membership & Inclusion and Development & Land Use Committees as well as the City, County and Local Government Law and Environmental and Land Use Law Sections. In 2020, she was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Environmental Lawyers (ACOEL). Vinette is also an active member of the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association and Zonta International, an international service organization with the mission of advancing the status of women. Since 2014, she has been a Juris Doctor Advisor for the Florida State University College of Law.

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