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PRACTICE AREAS

Land Development/Land
Use/Zoning
Litigation - Land Use,
Environmental & Property Rights
Cannabis Law
Government & Administrative

OVERVIEW

Jessica Icerman is a Shareholder in the Land Development, Zoning & Environmental group and is Board Certified by The Florida Bar in City, County, and Local Government Law*. She represents clients before local and state governments and in litigation on land use and land development issues. She has experience representing clients in a broad range of matters involving variances, rezonings, permitting, licensing, comprehensive plan amendments, and entitlements.

Prior to joining the firm, Jessica served as an Assistant County Attorney in the Leon County Attorney's Office. In this role, she represented the county with a focus on land use, code enforcement and local government law. She also served as an advisor for several county departments and divisions, including Development Services Division, Environmental Services Division, Code and Permit Services, Planning Department, and County administration.

She also was an associate in private practice and was a law clerk in the City of Tallahassee City Attorney's Office.

**With less than 1% of eligible members certified in City, County, and Local Government Law, board certification is The Florida Bar's highest level of evaluation of a lawyer's competence and experience in a particular area of practice. It identifies lawyers with "special knowledge, skills and proficiency, as well as a reputation for professionalism and ethics." To achieve certification, a lawyer must endure rigorous examination and testing and be evaluated by their peers.*

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Successfully overturned a local government decision denying the grandfathering of an intensive commercial use, paving the way to achieve a favorable rezoning of the property.

Lead counsel in obtaining and successfully defending a challenge to a favorable zoning determination letter.

Successfully represented owner of a commercial shopping plaza in City of St. Pete Beach administrative appeal by

neighbor challenging a nonconforming use of the property, which lead to neighbor also voluntarily dismissing sister lawsuit.

Represented an affordable housing developer in obtaining a brownfield area designation for an affordable housing project in the City of Tallahassee during the COVID-19 pandemic. The team coordinated an in-person and virtual community meeting that included a team of consultants and members of the public as well as two virtual public hearings to obtain the brownfield area designation. The designation allowed the developer to take advantage of both state environmental clean-up programs and financial incentives.

In her capacity as Assistant County Attorney in the Leon County Attorney's Office:

- Lead attorney on major local government issues, including medical marijuana, cell towers in the rights-of-way and revising the sign code

- Represented Leon County in quasi-judicial hearings

- Defended Leon County in appeals of County decisions

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, 2020-Present

 - Board of Governors, 2023-Present

 - Chair, Housing, Land Use and Development Committee, 2024

 - Public Policy Council, 2020-Present

 - Vice Chair, Sustainability Committee, 2021

- St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Leadership St. Pete (LSP), Class of 2024

- Tampa Bay Builders Association, 2019-Present

- The Florida Bar, City, County and Local Government Law Section, Chair of the Social Media Subcommittee, 2021-2023

- Urban Plan Institute, Volunteer, 2018-2020

- Guardian ad-Litem, Volunteer, 2017-2021

- Tallahassee Women Lawyers (TWL), Executive Board, 2017-2020

- FSU College of Law Women's Law Symposium, Mentor, 2016-2020

- Florida Association of County Attorneys, 2015-2019

 - Chair, Growth Management Committee, 2018-2019

 - Amicus Curiae Committee, 2017-2019

 - Cell Tower-ROW Task Force, 2017

RECOGNITION

Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch, 2021-Present

Florida Trend's Florida Legal Elite, Up & Comer, 2020

Florida Super Lawyers, 2023

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Publications: [Gas Plant District: Mixed-Use Development Essential for Transformative Success](#)

St. Pete Chamber of Commerce | February 2024

Events: [Florida Land Use and Environmental Dispute Resolution Act: Settling Local Land Use Disputes](#)

CLE International's Florida Land Use Law Conference | | August 2023

Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Summer 2023](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2023

Affordable Housing News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [Live Local Act Signed Into Law](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2023

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Hillsborough County Proposes Significant Updates to Comprehensive Plan](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | October 2022

Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [Hillsborough County Proposes Significant Updates to Comprehensive Plan](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2022

Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Spring 2022](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2022

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Spring Brings an End to Freezing Temperatures— and an Opportunity to Extend Your Development Permits](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2022

Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Winter 2022](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2022

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Publications: [Crème de law Admin | Winter 2021](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2022

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Pasco County Expands Multi-Family Moratorium while Hillsborough County Plans to Extend Another Moratorium](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2022

Government & Administrative News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [City of Tallahassee Proposes “Glitch” Revisions to Land Development Code](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2021

Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 State of Emergency Lapses: Extend Your Permits NOW](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2021

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Hillsborough County Studying Comprehensive Plan Updates to Facilitate Affordable Housing](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2021

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID Legal Compass | Edition 25](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2021

Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Winter 2020-2021](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2021

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID Legal Compass | Edition 24](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2021

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID Legal Compass | Edition 23](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | December 2020

Events: [Legal and Regulatory Status of Urban Agriculture in Florida](#)

University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences | November 2020

Land Development News Update, Publications: [City of Tampa Holds Important Workshop on Changes in Land Use and Development Policies](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | November 2020

Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Fall 2020](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | October 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID Legal Compass | Edition 22](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | October 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID Legal Compass | Edition 21](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications

: COVID Legal Compass | Edition 20

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID Legal Compass | Edition 19](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2020

Publications: [Major Land Use Changes Ahead in St. Pete: CHAA Update, Tropicana Field Site RFP, and I-275 Improvements](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | August 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID Legal Compass | Edition 18](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | August 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID Legal Compass | Edition 17](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 Legal Compass | Edition 16](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 Legal Compass | Edition 15](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 Legal Compass | Edition 14](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | June 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 Legal Compass | Edition 13](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | June 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 Legal Compass | Edition 12](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | June 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 Legal Compass | Edition 11](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | June 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 Legal Compass | Edition 10](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 Legal Compass](#) | Edition 9

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2020

Events: [Socially-Distanced Local Government w/ Jessica Icerman](#)

REGULATED Podcast | May 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 Legal Compass](#) | Edition 8

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2020

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Hillsborough County to Consider Doubling of Development Fees and Extending Rezoning Moratoria, Despite COVID-19 Economic Recovery Concerns](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 Legal Compass](#) | [COVID-19 Updates](#) | Edition 7

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 Legal Compass](#) | [COVID-19 Updates](#) | Edition 6

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | May 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 Legal Compass](#) | [COVID-19 Updates](#) | Edition 5

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2020

Events: [WEBINAR: Let's Get Virtual! - Virtual Local Government Hearings Amid the COVID Crisis](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller Webinar | | April 2020

COVID News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [Hillsborough County Forges Ahead to Consider Doubling Development Fees During COVID-19 Era](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 Legal Compass](#) | [Timely and Significant COVID-19 Updates](#) | Edition 4

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 Legal Compass](#) | [Timely and Significant COVID-19 Updates](#) | Edition 3

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2020

Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing](#) | Spring 2020

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 Legal Compass | Timely and Significant COVID-19 Updates | Edition 2](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2020

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Government Affairs News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [COVID-19 Legal Compass | Timely and Significant COVID-19 Updates](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2020

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Hillsborough County Sets Aggressive Twelve Program to Remake Development Policies - and Increase Fees](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2020

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Hillsborough County Continues Discussion on Changes in Land Use and Development Policies to Prepare for Smart and Sustainable Growth](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2020

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Major Land Use and Development Policies Discussions Continue in Hillsborough County](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | January 2020

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Major Evolution in Land Use and Development Policies Ahead in Hillsborough County](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | December 2019

Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Winter 2019-2020](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | December 2019

Events: [Environmental and Land Use Law at a Glance](#)

ELULS of the Florida Bar | | October 2018

Events: [Competent Substantial Evidence Before Local Government: Heated Discussion](#)

ELULS/Administrative Law Section of the Florida Bar Advanced Hot Topics Seminar | | April 2018

Events: [Local Government Policy and Law](#)

FSU College of Law Democratic Law Student Association | | October 2017

Publications: [Will the Silvicultural Exemption Survive? An Update on Northwest Environmental Defense Center V. Brown](#)

ABA Forest Resources Committee Newsletter | June 2012

NEWSROOM

In the Media: [Council greenlights 'historic' gas station's transformation](#)

The St. Pete Catalyst | | May 2023

In the Media: ‘Historic’ gas station’s transformation clears first hurdle

Catalyst | | April 2023

In the Media: Will St. Pete’s oldest gas station become ‘historic’?

| February 2023

Firm Announcements: Stearns Weaver Miller Names Five New Shareholders

| September 2021

In the Media: Hillsborough nixes job rule from Wimauma land plan

Tampa Bay Times | | August 2021

Firm Announcements: Stearns Weaver Miller honored with 2020 Tallahassee Women Lawyers Diversity & Inclusion Leadership Award

| June 2020

Firm Announcements: Former Leon County Assistant County Attorney Jessica M. Icerman Joins Stearns Weaver Miller in Tampa

| January 2020

In the Media: Briefcase: Jan. 5

Tallahassee Democrat | | January 2020

EDUCATION

J.D., Florida State University College of Law, 2012
Environmental and Land Use Law Certificate

B.A., University of Florida, 2009

ADMISSIONS

Florida

CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified by The Florida Bar in City, County, and Local Government Law