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PRACTICE AREAS

Government & Administrative
Litigation & Dispute Resolution
Cannabis Law

OVERVIEW

Robert Walters is an Associate in the Government & Administrative group. His practice focuses on administrative litigation, civil litigation, appeals, and Florida administrative law, including regulatory compliance, licensure, administrative complaints and disciplinary proceedings, as well as election law, election compliance and non-profit association formation, compliance and management.

Robert is a former Certified Legal Intern for the Licensing Division of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, where he gained particular experience regulating and enforcing Chapter 493 licenses and Chapter 790 licenses of Florida Statutes and developed a broad base of knowledge in Florida's Administrative Procedures Act.

Robert also has broad knowledge of the Government Affairs arena. He has ample campaign management experience and is skilled in conducting legislative bill analysis and bill drafting. He has served as Political Director, Deputy Communications Director and as Campaign Manager for U.S. House of Representatives and Congressional nominees. He was also a Legislative Intern for U.S. Senator Bill Nelson.

In addition, Robert previously served as Special Projects Coordinator at the Orange County Tax Collector's Office, where he drafted, compiled, and lobbied on state and local issues. During the 2016 and 2017 Florida Legislative Sessions, he assisted in securing \$120,000 in grants and prevented the passing of legislation that stood to have a \$3-4 million impact on the Tax Collector's Office.

Prior to joining the Firm, Robert worked as an Assistant Public Defender for the Second Judicial Circuit, where he provided representation to indigent individuals charged with criminal offenses in both misdemeanor and criminal traffic courts, and coordinated and negotiated with Assistant State Attorneys to resolve cases.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Florida Licensure, Administrative Complaints, & Disciplinary Proceedings

Represents licensees, regulated entities and interested parties before regulatory agencies and their professional boards, the Division of Administrative Hearings, and in Florida's circuit and appellate courts to obtain licensure and ensure compliance.

Advises and represents clients in compliance, disciplinary and appellate matters involving Florida's agencies and professional boards

Represented a Qualified Organization in obtaining a reversal of a licensure denial by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities.

Regulatory Compliance and Association Creation and Management

Routinely advises regulated entities and licensees in Florida regulatory compliance matters.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Florida Bar

Administrative Law Section, 2021-Present

William H. Stafford Inn of Court, Associate, 2021-Present

Young Democrats of Orange County, President, 2016-2017

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Events: Ethics Training Part I: Art. II, Section 8(a)-(f) & (h) of the Florida Constitution, Conflict of Interest Requirements & Case Studies

FACO Virtual Summer Conference | July 2022

Events: Constitutional Officer Independence & Public Officer Standing Part I: Doctrine History

FACO Virtual Summer Conference | July 2022

Events: Ethics for Florida Government Employees

| April 2022

Government & Administrative News Update, Publications: Two New Laws Immediately Impact Florida Healthcare Providers

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 2022

Publications: Appellate Case Notes

Administrative Law Section of The Florida Bar Newsletter | March 2022

Publications: COVID Special Session Update

Winter Edition of the Tallahassee Bar Association's Bar Bulletin | February 2022

COVID News Update, Government & Administrative News Update, Publications: Crème de law Admin | Winter 2021

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2022

Publications: Appellate Case Notes

Administrative Law Section of The Florida Bar Newsletter | December 2021

Publications: Vaccine Requirements in the Hiring Process

Fall Edition of the Tallahassee Bar Association's Bar Bulletin | October 2021

Publications: Appellate Case Notes

Administrative Law Section of The Florida Bar Newsletter | September 2021

Publications: Appellate Case Notes

Administrative Law Section of The Florida Bar Newsletter | June 2021

NEWSROOM

Firm Announcements: Stearns Weaver Miller Expands Tallahassee Office Space and Offered Services

| February 2022

In the Media: DOI Looks To Ax Suit Over Tribe's Fla. Sports Betting Permit

Law360 | | October 2021

Firm Announcements: Stearns Weaver Miller Continues to Strengthen Tallahassee Footprint

| May 2021

EDUCATION

J.D., *cum laude*, Florida State University College of Law

FSU Mock Trial Team, Treasurer

Dean's List

B.A., University of Central Florida

ADMISSIONS

Florida

United States District Courts for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit