

Bridget Smitha Earns Catherine Chapman Pro Bono Service Award Presented by Tallahassee Women Lawyers

Tallahassee, FL – April 11, 2024 – Stearns Weaver Miller announced that Litigation Shareholder [Bridget Smitha](#) has been selected as the Catherine Chapman Pro Bono Service Award recipient by [Tallahassee Women Lawyers](#) (“TWL”). The award, named in honor of the late TWL leader Catherine Chapman, recognizes a member of the Florida Bar Association who embodies the enduring commitment Ms. Chapman devoted to pro bono legal service and community involvement during her lifetime. Bridget was recognized during TWL’s Second Annual Legacy of Leaders Dinner on April 10th, 2024.

For more than 13 years, Bridget has been a member of the Florida Guardian ad Litem program which represents abused, neglected and abandoned children in court and the community. She has provided pro bono legal services for more than 10 children during these critical, often traumatic, times in their lives. In addition to her Guardian ad Litem matters, Bridget has assisted dozens of indigent individuals in pro bono matters relating to divorce, child custody, elder care, legal name change, employment termination, criminal, and garnishment challenges. She has taken referrals through the Tallahassee Bar Association and word of mouth. Bridget is an active member of the Tallahassee community. She also served on Tallahassee Women Lawyers’ Board of Directors from 2020-2021 and remains a member of the organization. Bridget is a member of the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Tallahassee Class XXXIII and a member of the board for Lincoln High School’s Foundation.

Bridget focuses her practice on corporate defense and complex commercial litigation appearing in state and federal courts in Florida and across the nation, as well as before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation. Bridget also frequently assists political committees and candidates to navigate Florida’s election and campaign finance laws. Additionally, Bridget is often involved in registering trademarks, obtaining or transferring alcohol licenses, and seeking rule waivers from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. She is currently listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2023.



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