

Carl Eldred Joins Stearns Weaver Miller's Statewide Land Development, Zoning & Environmental Practice

TALLAHASSEE, FL – September 23, 2021 - Stearns Weaver Miller announced that Carl Eldred has joined the Tallahassee office as a Shareholder in the <u>Land Development, Zoning & Environmental</u> group.

Carl has nearly 20 years of experience counseling clients on solid and hazardous waste management and compliance, waste recycling and clean up, alternative fuels, and hazardous substance and pollutant release issues. He routinely advises utility, industrial, chemical manufacturing, and developer clients regarding the remediation and redevelopment of large-scale contaminated properties in relation to both groundwater and soil, including the use of risk-based corrective action and brownfield incentives and grant programs. Carl also represents clients on regulatory, rulemaking and compliance matters at federal, state and local levels, including representation before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Justice and Florida Department of Environmental Protection. He is highly skilled in defending agency enforcement actions resulting from facility inspections, accidental releases, alleged permit violations, and historic site contamination.

"Carl's background will significantly bolster the environmental services we provide to our clients statewide," said Reggie Bouthillier, Shareholder and Chair of the group. "He is an excellent attorney, highly respected in the industry and will be a valuable asset to our Firm and our clients."

Carl joins the group less than a month after his former Hopping Green & Sams colleagues, Shareholders <u>Vinette D. Godelia</u>, <u>Amelia A. Savage</u> and <u>Susan L. Stephens</u> and Associates <u>Felicia</u> <u>L. Kitzmiller</u> and <u>Erin J. Tilton</u>.

"Our <u>recent additions</u> have seamlessly embraced our collaborative, statewide and crossdepartment culture," adds Bouthillier. "In less than a month, we have already seen the benefit from the synergies between our clients and platforms and have elevated the quality and range of services we provide. The addition of Carl further reinforces our position as the preeminent firm for all Land Development, Zoning and Environmental matters throughout Florida. Our combined experience and resources provide limitless possibilities for the future."

Stearns Weaver Miller's 38-person Land Development, Zoning & Environmental group consists of 31 attorneys, three planners, two real estate analysts, a geographic information system (GIS) analyst and Government Affairs capabilities. The statewide group is recognized as a top provider in the industry. More information on the team, including about their robust suite of unique inhouse consultants and resources, their high-level experience with major local governments and regional and state agencies, and their leadership roles with various key professional industry organizations, can be found here.

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