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PRACTICE AREAS

Land Development/Land

Use/Zoning

Real Estate

Government & Administrative

OVERVIEW

Elise Batsel is a Shareholder and a member of the Firm's Board of Directors. She focuses her practice on land use, zoning, permitting, and transactional real estate.

Elise represents national and local developers and property owners before local, state, and federal governments on land use and land development issues. She has extensive experience representing clients in a broad range of matters involving variances, rezonings, permitting, licensing, comprehensive plan amendments, and entitlements for multi-family commercial, industrial, hotel, master planned and mixed-use projects. She also has experience with economic development projects, as well as Public-Private Partnerships, and advises clients regarding the redevelopment of environmentally impacted sites and environmental and wetland permitting issues.

In the Real Estate arena, Elise represents property owners and developers in real estate acquisitions, dispositions, and complex development agreements.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Represents the leading nonprofit health care provider in the Tampa Bay and West-Central Florida Regions in obtaining all development entitlements for a 773,582 sq. ft. medical facility, including a regional hospital, ambulatory care center, associated medical offices, and commercial outparcels.

Represents one of the largest home furnishing and accent retailers in Florida in the development of a 1,200,000 sq. ft. warehousing, distribution and regional headquarters, including a regional showroom, for their central Florida operations in Plant City. Lead land use and environmental counsel, working with the City on the annexation of property into the City, comprehensive plan amendments, rezonings and environmental impact and permitting issues.

Represents a full-service investment and development firm in obtaining a variety of land use approvals for a new mixed-use development located along the Gandy causeway. The waterfront development includes a mix of multi-family, townhome and commercial uses including 376 units, a dry storage marina with 245 slips, retail, restaurant and 225

accessory wet slips.

Represents a national real estate investment trust (REIT) that focuses on the acquisition, selective development, redevelopment and management of multifamily projects, in the infill redevelopment of an 18.5 acre parcel to a mixed-use waterfront and retail project, including nearly 500 waterfront units, 14,000 square feet of retail/restaurant space, and a 2,000 foot linear waterfront pedestrian boardwalk.

Represents real estate developer in a mixed-use project consisting of 243 multi-family residential units, a waterfront restaurant (with public boat slips and outdoor dining options), a 3,959 square foot co-working facility, 8,264 square feet of retail and significant public amenities, including a public park with open space, sidewalks, benches, a waterfront overlook, a new City seawall and enhanced public access to the water.

Represents a developer of luxury resorts and hotels, upscale resort communities, golf courses, and hotel-serviced residential and recreational properties, as property rights counsel and in numerous land use appeals regarding the development of a 124-acre waterfront property in Naples, Florida. The project is a \$2.2 billion mixed-used redevelopment project, including a five-star 220-room Four Seasons Hotel with residential condos, a golf course, spa, tennis center, retail space, a sports park, and various restaurants.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Tampa Bay

Past-President, 2024

President, 2023

President-Elect, 2022

National Delegate, 2021-Present

Board of Directors, 2015-2019, 2021-Present

Housing Leadership Council of Tampa Bay, Board of Directors, 2024

National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP), Tampa Bay Chapter, 2024-Present

University of Florida (UF) Bergstrom Real Estate Advisory Board, 2018-Present

Hillsborough County Bar Foundation, Board of Trustees, 2022

RECOGNITION

Florida Trend, Legal Elite NOTABLE – Women Leaders in Law, 2023

Tampa Bay Business Journal, BusinessWoman of the Year Honoree, 2023

The Best Lawyers in America, 2018-Present

Florida Super Lawyers, 2017-2018, 2020-Present

Excellence Award, (CREW) Tampa Bay Sales Transactions, 2017

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Events: Post-Election Economic Update: The Impact on Our Economy and CRE Policies
The Society of Real Estate Professionals (SOREP) | | November 2024

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Hurricanes, Flash Floods, and Tornadoes – Development Permit Extension Opportunities Are Now Available](#)
Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 2024

Publications: [Thoughtful Design](#)
Invest: Tampa Bay | November 2023

Events: [WEBINAR: SB102 “The Live Local Act”](#)
Stearns Weaver Miller Webinar | | May 2023

Events: [Private Practitioners Panel](#)
Fifth Annual Environmental and Land Use Law Conference | | April 2023

Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Winter 2023](#)
Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2023

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Hillsborough County Proposes Significant Updates to Comprehensive Plan](#)
Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | October 2022

Land Development News Update, Publications: [What's Developing | Summer 2022](#)
Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | September 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

Events: [Best Practices in Planned Communities Design, Implementation & Financing](#)
Stearns Weaver Miller/Kutak Rock Webinar | | June 2022

Events: [Fourth Annual HCBA Environmental and Land Use Law Conference](#)
Hillsborough County Bar Association | | 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

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Hillsborough County Studying Comprehensive Plan Updates to Facilitate Affordable Housing](#)
Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2021

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Update: Tampa Bay Local Governments Continue to Enact Burdensome Moratoria](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | April 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: [Hillsborough County Moving Quickly in Proposal to Take Away Density from Rural and Agricultural Landowners](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | March 2021

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Tampa Bay Local Governments Forge Ahead in Limiting Property Rights with Burdensome Land Development Moratoria](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 2021

Land Development News Update, Publications: [Following Hillsborough County, City of Tampa to Consider Development Moratorium on February 4, 2021](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | February 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

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

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

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

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

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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

Events: What's Ahead and Why - Comprehensive Planning and Growth Management

Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School | July 2019

Land Development News Update, Publications: Friday Deadline for Hillsborough County's Final Impact Fee Buyback Solicitation

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2019

Land Development News Update, Publications: Important Land Development and Environmental Issues Following Florida's 2019 Legislative Session

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2019

Land Development News Update, Publications: What's Developing | Summer 2019

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | July 2019

NEWSROOM

In the Media: From Tampa to Naples, hotel flags are changing luxury condos

Tampa Bay Business Journal | February 2025

In the Media: Tampa developer plans first-of-its-kind project in Wimauma

Tampa Bay Business Journal | September 2024

In the Media: Hillsborough County to consider limiting Live Local Act on certain sites

Tampa Bay Business Journal | August 2024

In the Media: TradeWinds Resort gets green light to expand

Spectrum News | April 2024

Firm Announcements: Three Stearns Weaver Miller Shareholders Selected as Florida Trend's Legal Elite NOTABLE – Women Leaders in Law

| November 2023

In the Media: Snug Harbor's Acquisition Caps Turnaround for Prime Waterfront Development Site

CoStar | April 2023

In the Media: [Business Woman of the Year 2023](#)

Tampa Bay Business Journal | | March 2023

Firm Announcements: [Elise Batsel Recognized As a 2023 Tampa Bay Business Journal, BusinessWoman of the Year Honoree](#)

| January 2023

In the Media: [CREW Tampa Bay Spotlight - Stearns Weaver Miller](#)

CREW Tampa Bay | | January 2023

In the Media: [Mixed-use development inches closer to reality on 39 acres near Gandy Boulevard](#)

Tampa Bay Business Journal | | December 2021

Firm Announcements: [Elise Batsel Elected As President-Elect of CREW Tampa Bay](#)

| November 2021

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers Recognized in 2021 Florida Super Lawyers](#)

| June 2021

In the Media: [People to know in Law: Elise Batsel](#)

Tampa Bay Business Journal | | April 2021

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers Recognized in 2020 Florida Super Lawyers](#)

| June 2020

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers Recognized in Florida Super Lawyers 2019](#)

| June 2019

Firm Announcements: [Land Development and Real Estate Shareholder Elise Batsel and Attorney Kevin Reali Join Stearns Weaver Miller](#)

| May 2019

EDUCATION

J.D., with honors, University of Florida Levin College of Law, 1997

B.A., *summa cum laude*, University of Colorado, 1993

ADMISSIONS

Florida