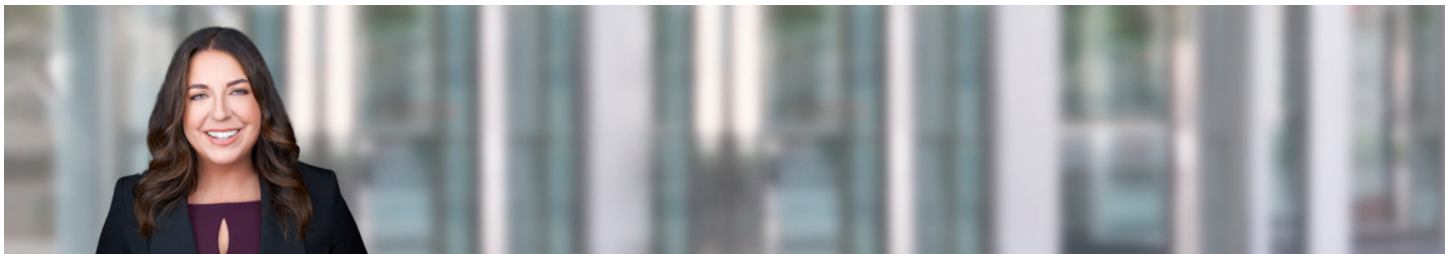


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PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation & Dispute Resolution
Litigation - Land Use,
Environmental & Property Rights
Land Development, Zoning &
Environmental

OVERVIEW

Liz Desloge Ellis is an experienced litigator who represents private and public sector clients in complex real estate development, land use and property rights matters. She is skilled in developing and implementing litigation strategy as it relates to obtaining, challenging and defending development approvals. Her experience also includes litigating eminent domain, inverse condemnation, and Bert J. Harris issues. In addition to land development, Liz also maintains a broad litigation practice where she represents clients on a variety of matters, including public records, constitutional law and labor and employment disputes.

Areas of Concentration

Land Use & Property Rights Litigation – Bert J. Harris Private Property Rights Act, Code Enforcement, Eminent Domain, Inverse Condemnation, Development Approvals, Public Records Act

Commercial Litigation & Trials – Constitutional Law

Construction

Real Estate

Administrative & Regulatory – Hearings and Appeals

Prior to joining the firm, Liz was an attorney at a Florida-based law firm. Additionally, she served as an Assistant State Attorney for the State Attorney's Office in the Second Judicial Circuit where she conducted over 50 jury trials as first chair, ranging in severity from traffic offenses to life felonies

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Successfully defended a Florida county in a lawsuit filed by the Clerk of Courts related to the funding of an annex

courthouse and the Multi-agency Criminal Justice Information system, an issue of first impression in Florida. The court granted summary judgment in favor of the county, saving the county millions of dollars.

Handled dozens of employment claims before the Florida Commission on Human Relations and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission resulting in determinations of no reasonable cause.

Successfully defended a county's text amendments to its Comprehensive Plan before the Division of Administrative Hearings.

Obtained summary judgment for a Florida county in a multi-count breach of contract and governmental takings case.

Prosecuted dozens of code enforcement violations in several jurisdictions, including one related to the construction of a seawall that led to a four-day evidentiary hearing.

Served as counsel to a Florida county in eminent domain proceedings to create a \$200 million bypass route.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Tallahassee Bar Association (TBA), 2017-Present

Board of Directors, 2021-Present

President-Elect, 2025-Present

Secretary, 2023-Present

Young Lawyers Section Board of Directors, 2018-2022

President, 2021-2022

President-Elect, 2020-2021

Treasurer, 2019-2020

Refuge House of the Big Bend, 2018-Present

President, 2021-Present

Secretary, 2020-2021

The Florida Bar

City, County & Local Government Law Section, 2019-Present

Labor and Employment Law Section, 2017-Present

Standing Committee on Professionalism, 2023-Present

Second Circuit Grievance Committee, 2024-Present

Young Lawyers Section, 2015-2023

Goodwood Museum & Gardens, 2021-Present

Leadership Tallahassee, Class 37, 2019-Present

Tallahassee Women Lawyers (TWL), 2016-Present
Board of Directors, JNC Monitoring Chair, 2020-Present

Florida Association for Women Lawyers (FAWL), 2016-Present

Capital Tiger Bay Club, 2015-Present

The Village Square, 2010-Present

The Awesome Foundation of Tallahassee, 2019-2020

Junior League of Tallahassee, 2013-2015

Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club, President, 2013-2014

Legal Aid Foundation Board of Directors, 2013-2014

Knight Creative Communities Institute (KCCI), Catalyst 2012-2013

RECOGNITION

Leadership Tallahassee, Leadership Pacesetter Award, 2025

Tallahassee Democrat, 25 Women You Need to Know, 2025

Leadership Tallahassee, Distinguished Leadership Awards Finalist, 2024

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Events: Shining a Light on Sunshine and Public Records Laws
APA Florida | | December 2024

Events: Shining Light on Sunshine Laws and Other Public Records Requests
APA Florida | | December 2024

Events: Shining a Light on Sunshine and Public Records Laws
APA Florida - Capital Region Section, Fall Social | | October 2024

Events: Obtaining and Defending Land Use Approvals
Florida Planning Conference, APA Florida | | September 2024

Events: State of Public Safety
Capital Tiger Bay Club | | May 2024

Events: Best Practices for Obtaining & Defending Land Use Approvals
2023 Florida Planning Conference | | September 2023

NEWSROOM

In the Media: [25 Women for 2025: Attorney Elizabeth Ellis 'wants to be making a difference'](#)

Tallahassee Democrat | | April 2025

In the Media: [30 names you need to know: Meet the 25 Women, 5 Young Women for 2025](#)

Tallahassee Democrat | | March 2025

Firm Announcements: [Refuge House Honors Stearns Weaver Miller with Community Advocate of the Year Award](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | | February 2025

Firm Announcements: [Elizabeth Desloge Ellis Selected as President-Elect of the Tallahassee Bar Association](#)

| January 2025

In the Media: [Tallahassee family sues city for sewage flooding into home](#)

WTXL Tallahassee | | December 2024

In the Media: [Tallahassee Women Lawyers Fall 2024 Newsletter](#)

| October 2024

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Names Four New Shareholders in 2024](#)

| September 2024

Firm Announcements: [Elizabeth Desloge Ellis Selected As a Finalist for the 2024 Leadership Tallahassee Distinguished Leadership Awards](#)

| August 2024

In the Media: [Refuge House sees mounting cases of domestic violence, needs support](#)

Tallahassee Democrat | | June 2024

In the Media: [Tallahassee Women Lawyers 2023 Fall Newsletter](#)

| October 2023

EDUCATION

J.D., Florida State University College of Law, 2012

B.A., Washington University in St. Louis, 2009

ADMISSIONS

Florida

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

