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PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative & Regulatory

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

OVERVIEW

Matt has over a decade of experience representing applicants in procurement litigation before Florida's State Agencies with a focus on bid protests. He represents clients in civil and commercial litigation and all aspects of administrative and regulatory law, including professional licensing issues, rule challenges, and public procurement. Matt has specific experience litigating or advising clients related to various agencies, such as:

Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) – Assisted Living Facility, Nursing Home, and General Healthcare Licensing; Medicaid Overpayment Disputes; Procurements

Florida Department of Health (DOH) – Physician Disciplinary Proceedings

Department of Financial Services (DFS) – Insurance Agent Disciplinary Proceedings

Single-Source State Contracting Requirements and Disputes

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Outdoor Advertising Permits; Procurements

Florida Department of Management Services (DMS) – Procurements

State Board of Administration (SBA) – Retirement Benefits Forfeitures

Water Management District Permits

Florida Commission on Human Relations – Fair Housing Act Compliance

Public Records Law Requirements

Areas of Concentration

Administrative Litigation and Appeals

Administrative Complaints and Disciplinary Proceedings

Bid Protests, Government Contracts, and Procurement

Business, Professional and Facility Licenses and Disciplinary Proceedings

Commercial Transactions

Environmental Permitting, Compliance and Enforcement

Government Investigations and Audits

Licensure

Non-Profit and Trade Association Formation, Compliance and Management

Regulatory Compliance

Rulemaking and Rule Challenges

Sunshine Law and Open Government Laws Litigation

Prior to joining the firm, Matt served as the Special Procurement Counsel for the Florida Department of Management Services (DMS), where he advised on all manners of procurement and served as lead internal counsel on DMS bid protests. He also has experience as a partner at a Tallahassee law firm practicing in a wide variety of areas, but with a focus on licensing, regulatory, and protest law.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Oversaw the procurement and protest of Florida's employee health insurance in 2023, with all aspects of the procurement being approved by the Administrative Law Judge.

In 2018, tried the largest hospice Medicaid overpayment administrative case to go to final hearing in Florida to date, saving the client millions in alleged overpayments.

Crafted the Motion and strategy which the first DCA agreed with and changed the timing requirements to recover fees in administrative actions.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Administrative Law Section of the Florida Bar, Executive Council Member, 2020-2022

Legal Aid Foundation of Tallahassee, Thunderdome Class III, 2017

NEWSROOM

Firm Announcements: [Administrative & Regulatory Law Attorney Matthew E.W. Bryant Joins Stearns Weaver Miller's Tallahassee Office](#)

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EDUCATION

J.D., Florida State University College of Law, 2011

B.A., *cum laude*, Florida State University, 2007

Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society Member

ADMISSIONS

Florida

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