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As a founding member of the firm, Steve Helfman has helped to build and grow Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman into a leading Florida firm for government and business clients. A trusted advisor to local government clients, Steve focuses on real estate, zoning, growth management, subdivision law and land development. He serves as municipal attorney to the Village of Key Biscayne, the Towns of Golden Beach and Medley, and Indian Creek Village. Steve also represents both public and private clients in the real estate development industry.

Steve has extensive experience with Florida's Growth Management Act and has been involved in the preparation of local government comprehensive plans and the adoption of municipal ordinances, including land development regulations, implementing those plans. Steve has served as a member of the City of Coral Gables Planning and Zoning Board and has been a guest lecturer to the City of Miami Planning Advisory Board and the City of Miami Zoning Board on issues of growth management.

PRACTICE AREAS

- [Code Enforcement](#)
- [Governmental Affairs and Procurement](#)
- [Municipal Counsel](#)
- [Public Sector Land Use and Zoning](#)
- [Special Counsel to Local Government](#)
- [Community Redevelopment Agency \(CRA\)](#)
- [Capital Improvement, Infrastructure Development & Project Management](#)
- [Elections](#)

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- City of Miami Multi-Ethnic Interaction Program, Executive Board Member, 1989-1990
- City of Coral Gables Planning and Zoning Board, 1990-1991
- Anti-Defamation League Civil Rights Committee
- Florida Planning and Zoning Association
- City of Miami Mayor's Economic Advisory Council
- City of Miami Planning Advisory Board and City of Miami Zoning Board, Guest Lecturer

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Best Lawyers in America®, Land Use & Zoning Law, 2012-present
- Super Lawyers, Florida, 2009, 2017-2018
- South Florida Legal Guide, Top Lawyers, 2012, 2014

PRESS MENTIONS

- *[Gambling in Miami? Not so fast. Potential jai alai fronton and poker room may prompt new zoning rules in Edgewater](#)*, The Real Deal, July 26, 2018
- *[New Medley Town Attorney Settling In To His New Post](#)*, River Circles Gazette, September 27, 2013
- *[After Tunnel Flap, Officials Flock to Key Biscayne to Address Concerns](#)*, Miami Herald, November 11, 2011
- *[Key Biscayne Wants to Ban Texting and Driving](#)*, Miami Herald, October 14, 2011
- *[Key Biscayne Delays Budget Approval](#)*, Miami Herald, September 28, 2011
- *[Power Lunch at Joe's: A Recipe That Works](#)*, Miami Herald, March 21, 2011

- [Public Sector Land Conveyances](#)
- [Special Governmental Districts](#)
- [Utilities](#)
- [Public/Private Partnership \(P3\) Transactions](#)
- [Wireless and Telecommunications](#)
- [Construction Contract Drafting and Negotiation](#)
- [Community Association, Club and Resort](#)
- [Private Sector Land Use and Zoning](#)

ADMISSIONS

Florida, 1982

EDUCATION

University of Miami School of Law, LLM, Real Property & Land Development and Finance, 1984

Nova University Center for the Study of Law, J.D., 1982

Tulane University, B.S., 1979