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Over a career that spans almost 50 years, Cliff Schulman has practiced in the areas of environmental law, land use and zoning, growth management, subdivision law, land development and comprehensive planning issues. Cliff is generally recognized as one of the preeminent zoning, land use and land development lawyers in Florida.

From Coral Gables to West Palm Beach, Cliff's work on major development projects has shaped South Florida's skyline. Over the years he has developed deep relationships with clients including The Related Group of Florida, Michael Swerdlow companies, Jose Milton & Associates, Turnberry Group, Jules Trump Organization and Fortune Organization. Cliff has worked on high-profile projects including Fisher Island, Williams Island, Acqualina, and numerous other hi-rise developments in Miami-Dade County. A sample of Cliff's work includes:

- Represented numerous high-rise developers in Sunny Isles Beach for high end condominium approvals;
- Represented developers of SoLe Mia in North Miami for over 4,000 new residential units and over 1 million square feet of commercial/office development;
- Helped with environmental clean-ups of clients located in

## PRACTICE AREAS

- [Code Enforcement](#)
- [Governmental Affairs and Procurement](#)
- [Special Counsel to Local Government](#)
- [Solid Waste Management](#)
- [Environmental](#)
- [Private Sector Land Use and Zoning](#)
- [Administrative Proceedings](#)
- [Environmental and Regulatory Challenges](#)
- [Real Estate, Land Use and Zoning Disputes](#)

Miami-Dade and Broward Counties.

Cliff has vast experience in the field of Environmental Law and has served as Chair of The Florida Bar's Committee on Land Use and Environmental Law.

## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Former Member of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee
- Former Chair of the Board of Directors, Miami-Dade Urban Debate League
- Former Adjunct Professor, University of Miami Law School, Masters Program
- Former Member, Executive Council and Chairman, Environmental and Land Use Law Section of The Florida Bar
- Former Chairman of the Board, Executive Committee, Aventura Marketing Council
- Founder, Mt. Sinai Hospital

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Congressional Tribute, The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz
- Chambers & Partners USA, Florida - Environment, Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use - South Florida, 2003-present; Senior Statespeople, Florida - Environment, Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use - South Florida, 2022
- South Florida Legal Guide, Top Lawyers, 2004-present
- Best Lawyers in America®, Environmental Law; Land Use and Zoning Law, 1989-present
- Super Lawyers, 2006-2018
- Lawyer of the Year, Environmental Law, 2011
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating
- Legal 500 US, 2007 and 2009
- Who's Who Legal: Florida, 2008
- Florida Trend's Legal Elite, 2004-2005
- Anti-Defamation League, "Torch of Freedom" Award, 2004
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### Press Mentions

- [\*Enid Weisman honored by Miami-Dade School Board\*](#), Miami's Community News, February 6, 2023
- [\*Fried On Business\*](#), 880's AM radio program, August 17, 2018
- [\*Miami-Dade Urban Debate League trains tomorrow's leaders\*](#), Fried on Business, May 2, 2016
- [\*The Power of Your Brand\*](#), Aventura News, August 21, 2015

## ADMISSIONS

Florida, 1972

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U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, 1973

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U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, 1973

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U.S. Supreme Court, 1978

## EDUCATION

University of Florida Levin College of Law, J.D., 1972

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University of Florida, B.S., Journalism, 1969

- [\*4th Annual AT&T YOUNG STARS SHOWCASE...Celebrating Aventura Marketing Council's 25th Anniversary\*](#), Aventura News, January 24, 2014
- [\*Mercantil Commercebank Hosts 'Growing Your South Florida Business' with Economist J. Antonio Villamil\*](#), Aventura News, October 14, 2011
- [\*Aventura Arts & Cultural Center Hosts '2011 Sizzling Season Preview\*](#), Aventura News, August 29, 2011
- [\*Duffy's Sports Grill Hosts Mike Dee, Miami Dolphins/SunLife Stadium CEO\*](#), Aventura News, August 17, 2011

## Publications

- Co-Author, The Florida Bar Environmental Law Section newsletter, 1979 and 1980
- Editor-in-Chief, continuing legal education manual Environmental Regulation and Litigation in Florida, 1981. (Co-Authored the chapter entitled "Inverse Condemnation" in Volume 2 of that manual.)

## Reported Cases

- *City of Sunny Isles Beach v. Publix Super Markets, Inc.*, 996 So. 2d 238 (Fla. 3d DCA 2008)
- *Turnberry Isle Condominium v. Florida Pritiken Center, Inc.*, 931 So. 2d 934 (Fla. 3d DCA 2008)
- *Coral Gables Youth Center Homeowners Ass'n, Inc. v. City of Coral Gables*, 901 So. 2d 246 (Fla. 3d DCA 2005)
- *City of Miami Beach v. East Coastline Development Ltd.*, 819 So. 2d 898 (Fla. 3d DCA 2002)
- *Pinecrest Lakes, Inc. v. Shidel*, 802 So. 2d 486 (Fla. 4th DCA 2001)
- *Fisher Island Holdings, LLC v. Miami-Dade County Com'n on Ethics and Public Trust*, 748 So. 2d 381 (Fla. 3d DCA 2000)
- *Las Olas Tower Co. v. City of Ft. Lauderdale*, 742 So. 2d 308, (Fla. 4th DCA 1999)
- *Las Olas Tower Co. v. City of Ft. Lauderdale*, 733 So. 2d 1034 (Fla. 4th DCA 1999)
- *Metropolitan Dade County v. Blumenthal*, 675 So. 2d 598 (Fla. 3d DCA 1995)
- *Village of Key Biscayne v. Dade County*, 627 So. 2d 1180 (Fla. 3d DCA 1993)
- *Scientific Games, Inc. v. Dittler Bros., Inc.* 586 So. 2d 1128 (Fla. 1st DCA 1991)
- *City Gas Co. of Florida v. Florida Public Services Com'n*, 501 So. 2d 580 (Fla. 1987)
- *South Florida Citizens For A Better Environment, Inc., v. South Broward County Resource Recovery Project, Inc.*, 502 So. 2d 9 (Fla. 1st DCA 1988)
- *City of Sunrise v. Town of Davie*, 472 So. 2d 458 (Fla. 1985)
- *Seaboard System R.R., Inc. v. Clemente for and on Behalf of Metropolitan Dade County*, 467 So. 2d 348 (Fla. 3d DCA 1985)
- *Markham v. Fogg*, 458 So. 2d 1122 (Fla. 1984)
- *Weisblum v. Dade County*, 434 So. 2d 50 (Fla. 3d DCA 1983)
- *Coral Reef Nurseries, Inc. v. Babcock Co.*, 410 So. 2d 648 (Fla. 3d DCA 1982)
- *Blaustein v. Weiss*, 409 So. 2d 103 (Fla. 4th DCA 1982)
- *Fogg v. Broward County*, 397 So. 2d 944 (Fla. 4th DCA 1981)
- *Context Development Co., v. Dade County*, 374 So. 2d 1143 (Fla. 3rd DCA 1979)
- *Dade County v. Grossman*, 354 So. 2d 131 (Fla. 3d DCA 1978)
- *Amster v. Dade County*, 332 So. 2d 639 (Fla. 3d DCA 1978)
- *Dade County v. Miller*, 325 So. 2d 418 (Fla. 3d DCA 1978)
- *Metropolitan Dade County v. Fletcher*, 311 So. 2d 738 (Fla. 3d DCA 1975)
- *Odem v. Construction Trades Qualifying Bd. Of Dade County*, 309 So. 2d 622 (Fla. 3d DCA 1975)
- *PaineWebber Income Properties Three Ltd. Partnership By and Through Third Income Properties v. Mobil Oil Corp.*, 916 F.Supp. 1239 (M.D. Fla. 1996)
- *PaineWebber Income Properties Three Ltd. Partnership By and Through Third Income Properties, Inc. v. Mobil Oil Corp.*, 902 F.Supp. 1514 (M.D. Fla. 1995)
- *Rite-Research Improves Environment, Inc. v. Costle*, 78 F.R.D. 321 (S.D. Fla. 1978)
- *City of North Miami, Florida v. Train*, 377 F.Supp. 1264 (S.D. Fla. 1974)