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Jamie Cole opened the firm's Fort Lauderdale office in 1999 and served as the firm's managing director for 10 years, from 2008 to 2017. Under his leadership, the firm built a culture of collaboration and solidified its reputation as a leading Florida law firm for government and business clients. Jamie has served as the Fort Lauderdale Office Managing Director since January 2018.

Jamie represents local officials and governments in matters that help to improve their communities and preserve home rule power. His work includes actions to remove a misleading question from the statewide ballot regarding property taxes; to invalidate penalties that could be imposed against local officials for violation of the firearms preemption; to protect communities from blighting influences (including billboards, excessively intense development and a large gaming vessel); and to prevent overreaching actions by higher levels of government.

Jamie has served as the City Attorney for the City of Weston since 1999, previously served as City Attorney for Hollywood and Miramar, and serves as special counsel for numerous municipalities across Palm Beach and Broward Counties. He has presided over more than

## PRACTICE AREAS

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1,500 city commission meetings and has spoken at seminars on subjects addressing ethics, open government, professionalism and civility, property taxes, government finance and charter review.

Jamie is committed to improving standards in the legal profession and in 2019 was named “Lawyer of the Year” by the Daily Business Review for his work in helping create a professionalism and civility magistrate pilot program in Broward County Circuit Court.

Jamie also represents private and public clients in complex litigation and is an accomplished appellate attorney. He has appeared before the Florida Supreme Court, as well as the Second, Third and Fourth District Courts of Appeal, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Jamie has served as lead litigation counsel for several coalitions of local governments challenging State and county laws and actions. He spearheaded lawsuits against the State of Florida invalidating Senate Bill 360 relating to growth management (because it violated the Florida constitution), and removing a proposed constitutional amendment from the 2007 statewide ballot that would have eliminated the Save Our Homes tax exemption. He also represented a coalition of 18 municipalities in a lawsuit against Broward County regarding the distribution of assets of the Resource Recovery Board upon its termination, resulting in a settlement worth approximately \$38 million for the municipalities, and represented a county administrator in a dispute over governmental powers, resulting in a declaratory judgment in favor of his client.

Jamie is a native South Floridian and a proud graduate of Broward’s public school system, and was the valedictorian of his Ivy League law school class. He began his career as a commercial litigation attorney at one of the largest global firms before being appointed as in-house City Attorney for the City of Hollywood in 1994.

## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- President, Florida Association of Managing Partners, 2012-2014
- *LifeNet4Families* (Formerly Known as Cooperative Feeding Program), Chairman of the Board, 2007; Director, 2002-2010; Advisory Board Member, 2018-present
- Broward Business Council on Homelessness, 2019
- Broward Workshop, 2017-present
- The Broward County Bar Association, Board of Directors, Chair of the Large Law Firm Committee, 2018-present
- City Attorney, City of Hollywood, 1994-1998
- General Counsel, City of Hollywood Community Redevelopment Agency, 1994-1999
- Commissioner, Hollywood Housing Authority, 1992-1994
- The Florida Bar, Evidence Rules Committee, 1990-1994

- [Complex Commercial](#)
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## ADMISSIONS

Florida, 1988

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U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, 1989

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U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 1992

## EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1988

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Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, BSE, Economics, *summa cum laude*, 1985

- Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, Director, 1999-2002

## AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- South Florida Business and Wealth, Apogee Awards Honoree, 2025
- Florida Trend's Legal Elite, Notable Managing Partner, 2025
- Florida Super Lawyers, 2007-present
- [Recognized for 25 Years of Service as City Attorney, City of Weston, 2024](#)
- Fort Lauderdale Illustrated, "Top Lawyer," 2020-present
- Florida 500, *Florida Trend*, 2019, 2020-present
- Daily Business Review, Attorney of the Year, 2019
- Broward County Bar Association, Executive Director's Award, 2018
- South Florida Business Journal, Power Leaders in Law & Accounting, 2016-2017
- Best Lawyers in America, 2015-present
- South Florida Legal Guide, Top Lawyer, 2005-present
- Florida Trend's Legal Elite, 2004-present
- Daily Business Review, Finalist - Most Effective Lawyers, 2014
- Lifestyle Media Group, Finalist - Leaders in Law, 2014
- South Florida Top Rated Lawyers, Top Rated Lawyer, Commercial Litigation, 2012
- Daily Business Review, Most Effective Lawyers: Public Interest, Finalist, 2010
- Daily Business Review, Top Deal Makers of the Year – Real Estate – Mixed Use, Finalist, 2010
- South Florida Business Leader, Legal Impact Leader, 2008
- South Florida Business Journal, Key Partners Award: Litigation, 2008
- Daily Business Review, Most Effective Lawyer: Public Interest, 2007
- South Florida Business Journal, Best of the Bar, 2004
- South Florida Legal Guide, Up and Comer, 2004
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### Press Mentions

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- [\*New Florida Law Bars Communities From Planning for Climate\*](#), Disaster Resilience, Planetizen, October 10, 2025
- [\*These Florida Communities Wanted to Be More Sustainable and Resilient. A New State Law Blocks Their Efforts\*](#), Inside Climate News, October 8, 2025
- [\*Manatee County among plaintiffs in suit against state officials\*](#), Anna Maria Island, October 6, 2025

- [\*Orange County joins in Lawsuit over Senate Bill 180's Legality\*](#), The Apopka Chief, October 3, 2025
- [\*Localities, such as Deltona and Edgewater, challenge state\*](#), The West Volusia Beacon, October 1, 2025
- [\*25 cities and counties, including Orange, challenge a new law that restricts growth planning\*](#), Central Florida Public Media, September 30, 2025
- [\*Manatee County, Mulberry among 25 governments suing state over 'unconstitutional' law\*](#), News Channel 8, September 30, 2025
- [\*Cities, Counties Challenge Growth Law, Florida Trend\*](#), September 30, 2025
- [\*Florida municipalities join lawsuit challenging legality of SB 180\*](#), Jacksonville Business Journal, September 30, 2025
- [\*25 cities and counties, including Manatee, are suing the state over a new growth law\*](#), WUWF, September 30, 2025
- [\*Orange County, Windermere sue over Law Nullifying Local Growth Controls\*](#), Orlando Sentinel, September 29, 2025
- [\*Local Governments sue State over Law blocking tougher building standards\*](#), Tallahassee Democrat, September 29, 2025
- [\*Dozens of cities, counties sue over Florida's new development law\*](#), WFTV 9, September 29, 2025
- [\*City of Alachua Joins 24 Other Municipalities and Counties in Lawsuit Challenging SB 180\*](#), Alachua Chronicle, September 29, 2025
- [\*City officials appreciate county joining SB 180 lawsuit\*](#), Anna Maria Island Sun, September 18, 2025
- [\*Edgewater council joins SB 180 lawsuits\*](#), Hometown News, September 18, 2025
- [\*Cities, counties brace for fight with state over law giving developers more muscle\*](#), Tallahassee Democrat, September 18, 2025
- [\*In 3-2 vote, a split NSB City Commission rejects joining lawsuit against SB 180\*](#), The Daytona Beach News-Journal, September 10, 2025
- [\*Holmes Beach officials discuss SB 180\*](#), Ana Maria Island Sun, September 9, 2025
- [\*NSB City Commission votes 3-2 against joining coalition legally challenging SB 180\*](#), The Daytona Beach News-Journal, September 9, 2025
- [\*Manatee County joins pending lawsuit to challenge Senate Bill 1800\*](#), Observer, September 8, 2025
- [\*NSB to consider action against SB 180 which nullifies recent stormwater updates\*](#), The Daytona Beach News-Journal, September 8, 2025
- [\*Manatee County joins legal battle against developer-friendly law\*](#), WUSF NPR, September 8, 2025
- [\*Motion to Investigate Resignations in Alachua Fails\*](#), Main St. Daily News, August 26, 2025
- [\*Orange Lake to consider joining class action Lawsuit against state over SB180\*](#), WESH, August 25, 2025
- [\*Edgewater City Council votes 3-2 to keep moratoriums, defying state's SB 180 mandate\*](#), Daytona Beach News-Journal, August 18, 2025
- [\*Florida Law Handcuffs Cities, Boosts Building and Rebuilding. Is it a 'Developer Handout'?\*](#), The Gainesville Sun, July 11, 2025
- [\*Local Restriction in New Florida Hurricane Law Cause Friction\*](#), Law 360, July 2, 2025
- [\*Florida Trend Legal Elite Notable Managing Partners\*](#), Florida Trend, July 1, 2025
- [\*Meet the 2025 Power Leaders in Law & Accounting\*](#), South Florida Business Journal, June 20, 2025
- [\*South Florida country club community sues city over project near golf course\*](#), South Florida Business Journal, December 20, 2024
- [\*Fort Lauderdale City Attorney Tom Ansbro dies at 77\*](#), Sun Sentinel, October 23, 2024
- [\*Newsday Tuesday\*](#), The City of Weston, September 24, 2024
- [\*New 'official' financial disclosure requirements suspended\*](#), The Islander, June 25, 2024
- [\*Overly intrusive financial disclosure is contrary to good local government | Opinion\*](#), Sun Sentinel, June 24, 2024
- [\*Judge suspends Form 6 disclosure requirements\*](#), AMI Sun, June 17, 2024
- [\*Judge halts law requiring more extensive financial disclosures from local officials\*](#), Gulfshore Business, June 17, 2024



- [\*Florida municipal leaders get Form 6 filing reprieve\*](#), VoxPopuli, June 13, 2024
- [\*Federal judge blocks state financial disclosure law for local officials\*](#), Ocala Gazette, June 12, 2024
- [\*2023 Florida Financial Disclosure Law Blocked\*](#), Tampa Free Press, June 11, 2024
- [\*Federal judge blocks new law requiring Florida officials to disclose net worth\*](#), Miami Herald, June 11, 2024
- [\*Judge halts Florida law requiring city officials to disclose more\*](#), Tampa Bay Times, June 11, 2024
- [\*Florida financial disclosure law blocked by federal judge\*](#), Observer, June 11, 2024
- [\*Federal judge blocks new law requiring Florida officials to disclose net worth\*](#), Yahoo News, June 11, 2024
- [\*Judge grants temporary injunction against Florida's controversial financial-disclosure law\*](#), AOL, June 11, 2024
- [\*Federal judge blocks Florida financial disclosure law for elected officials\*](#), Orlando Weekly, June 11, 2024
- [\*Judge grants temporary injunction against Florida's controversial financial-disclosure law\*](#), Palm Beach Daily News, June 11, 2024
- [\*Federal judge blocks Florida financial disclosure law that caused 27 resignations in PBC\*](#), Palm Beach Post, June 11, 2024
- [\*Judge blocks financial disclosure law opposed by many elected city officials\*](#), Sun Sentinel, June 12, 2024
- [\*Federal judge blocks state's financial disclosure law for elected municipal officials\*](#), Orlando Sentinel, June 11, 2024
- [\*Judge blocks Florida's municipal financial disclosure law\*](#), WUFT, June 11, 2024
- [\*Federal judge blocks enforcement of financial disclosure rules for elected city officials\*](#), Florida Today, June 11, 2024
- [\*Law Firm Arguments Got Miami Judge to Block New Financial Disclosure Rule\*](#), Law.com, June 11, 2024
- [\*Broward schools had warnings of charter school funding controversy\*](#), Sun Sentinel, March 27, 2024
- [\*Windermere to join Form 6 litigation\*](#), Observer, March 21, 2024
- [\*Broward schools penalized by state\*](#), Sun Sentinel, March 20, 2024
- [\*Florida local government officials sue to overturn new financial disclosure law\*](#), Florida Record, March 7, 2024
- [\*Florida elected officials challenge expansion of financial disclosure law\*](#), CBS12 News, March 4, 2024
- [\*Fla. Cities, Local Electeds Sue Over New Financial Disclosures\*](#), Law 360, February 20, 2024
- [\*Form 6 lawsuits filed\*](#), AMI Sun, February 19, 2024
- [\*Safety Harbor one of 26 Florida cities suing over financial disclosure form\*](#), Tampa Bay Times, February 16, 2024
- [\*Florida cities sue as officials seek to avoid revealing detailed financial information\*](#), Sun Sentinel, February 16, 2024
- [\*Sebastian Joins 25 Cities in Historic Lawsuit Against Florida Over Privacy Violations\*](#), Sebastian Daily, February 16, 2024
- [\*Florida cities sue as officials seek to avoid revealing detailed financial information\*](#), Orlando Sentinel, February 16, 2024
- [\*South Florida cities sue over new law that requires officials to disclose net worth\*](#), Miami Herald, February 16, 2024
- [\*Largo won't join Form 6 lawsuit\*](#), Tampa Bay Newspapers, February 14, 2024
- [\*Plaintiffs lining up to join Key Biscayne lawsuit challenging Form 6 law\*](#), Islander News, February 13, 2024
- [\*Melbourne City leaders considering joining lawsuit over financial disclosure law\*](#), FOX 35 Orlando, February 8, 2024
- [\*Melbourne joining challenge to new financial disclosure requirements for public officials\*](#), Florida Today, February 8, 2024
- [\*Florida cities to sue state over new "burdensome and intrusive" financial reporting requirements\*](#), VoxPopuli, February 2, 2024
- [\*Along the Coast: Who's in charge? It's changing\*](#), The Coastal Star, January 31, 2024
- [\*Over 100 elected officials in Florida step down ahead of new Form 6 requirements\*](#), WWSB ABC7, January 29, 2024

- [\*A mass resignation of elected officials. Now, a legal battle over the new law that led them out\*](#), Sun Sentinel, January 24, 2024
- [\*Litigation Departments: Having a 'Lasting and Broader Impact' Is What Drives Lawyers at Weiss Serota Helfman Cole + Bierman\*](#), Daily Business Review, May 25, 2023
- [\*State Supreme Court upholds key provisions of Florida law banning local firearms ordinances\*](#), Florida Record, January 26, 2023
- [\*South Florida 100\*](#), Sun Sentinel, Nov. 19, 2021 - Jan. 20, 2023
- [\*Supreme Court rejects challenge to law that punishes officials who try to regulate guns\*](#), Sun Sentinel, January 19, 2023
- [\*State Supreme Court rejects local governments' suit against penalties for local gun control laws\*](#), Florida Politics, January 19, 2023
- [\*Fla. High Court Upholds Gun Preemption Law Penalties\*](#), Law360, January 19, 2023
- [\*December 1, 2022 On the Move\*](#), The Florida Bar News, December 1, 2022
- [\*Weiss Serota Creates Six-Atty Mediation Group In Fla.\*](#), Law360, November 7, 2022
- [\*Weiss Serota Helfman Cole + Bierman Adds Mediation Services Practice Group\*](#), Attorney at Law Magazine, November 4, 2022
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- [\*Florida 500 - Florida's Most Influential Business Leaders\*](#), Florida Trend, November 2, 2022
- [\*Buttoned Up\*](#), Super Lawyers 2022, July 6, 2022
- [\*Leon County Superintendent pushes back on proposed funding cuts\*](#), ABC27, March 2, 2022
- [\*Fight over Florida school mask mandates gets first day in court\*](#), News4Jax, October 21, 2021
- [\*LCS to stick to COVID policy, despite given 48 hours from BOE to comply to state's rule\*](#), WTXL Tallahassee, October 8, 2021
- [\*Duval School Board challenges state over mask mandate\*](#), WJCT, October 8, 2021
- [\*6 Florida school districts challenge rule on masks, quarantines\*](#), WOFL, October 7, 2021
- [\*Six Florida school districts challenge rule on masks, quarantines\*](#), WLRN, October 7, 2021
- [\*Six school districts, including Leon, challenge Florida rule on masks, quarantines in court filing\*](#), Tallahassee Democrat, October 7, 2021
- [\*Duval County joins lawsuit challenging Florida's mask mandate ban, receives funding slash\*](#), Jacksonville News, October 7, 2021
- [\*Florida School Board OKs Funding Cuts, Sanctions for Schools Defying Mask Mandate Ban\*](#), Latin Post, October 7, 2021
- [\*Six school districts file suit against state's school mask and quarantine rules\*](#), Florida Politics, October 7, 2021
- [\*Six Florida Districts, Including Miami-Dade & Broward, Challenge Rule On Masks, Quarantines\*](#), WFOR, October 7, 2021
- [\*Leon County joins petition challenging state COVID safety protocols in schools\*](#), WTXL, October 6, 2021
- [\*M-DCPS to relax COVID-19 quarantine rules for middle school students\*](#), WSVN, October 6, 2021
- [\*"This came out of the blue" - LCS attorney figures out next steps after Surgeon General issues new emergency rule\*](#), ABC 27 Tallahassee, September 23, 2021
- [\*New state rule: If student is exposed to COVID, parents decide whether they quarantine\*](#), Miami Herald, September 23, 2021
- [\*Florida issues new executive order easing school COVID rules\*](#), Tampa Bay Times, September 23, 2021
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- [\*Leon School Board unanimously votes to hire lawyer to fight Gov. DeSantis\*](#), Tallahassee Democrat, September 2, 2021
- [\*Leon County School Board votes to hire attorney, gearing up for legal fight over mask mandate\*](#), WCTV, September 2, 2021
- [\*LCS hires lawyer, responds to Corcoran's "grave" concerns\*](#), WTXL, September 2, 2021
- [\*LCS Board takes extra steps to strengthen defense against Corcoran\*](#), WTXL, September 2, 2021

- [\*Leon County School Board hires firm in fight with state\*](#), The Famuan, September 2, 2021
- [\*Leon Schools Lawyers Up To Defend Its Mask Mandate\*](#), WFSU, September 2, 2021
- [\*As 2 AM Last Call Takes Effect, Clevelander Seeks Judicial Intervention\*](#), REMiamiBeach, May 22, 2021
- [\*Courts Likely To Dismantle Florida's 'Anti-Riot' Law\*](#), Law360, April 20, 2021
- [\*Local cities and municipalities anxious for financial assistance provided in latest COVID-19 relief package\*](#), Local 10 News, March 8, 2021
- [\*11th Circuit panel rules against county's ban on conversion therapy\*](#), The Palm Beach Post, November 20, 2020
- [\*Florida bans on conversion therapy for children voided by U.S. appeals court\*](#), Reuters, November 20, 2020
- [\*Court strikes down bans on conversion therapy as violations of free speech\*](#), Washington Blade, November 20, 2020
- [\*Appeals court strikes down Boca Raton's ban on anti-gay conversion therapy\*](#), Sun Sentinel, November 20, 2020
- [\*Lighthouse Point Officials Oppose County Charter Amendment on Nov. 3 Ballot\*](#), Point! Publishing, October 23, 2020
- [\*It Took a Pandemic and a Committee, but Broward Litigators Have Become More Polite\*](#), Daily Business Review, October 8, 2020
- [\*South Florida defines new rules during confusing move to Phase 3\*](#), Sun Sentinel, September 29, 2020
- [\*Broward's 'misleading' ballot question needs to be tossed out, city argues\*](#), Sun Sentinel, September 21, 2020
- [\*Court Gives Developer Second Try at Boca Raton Oceanfront Construction\*](#), Daily Business Review, September 18, 2020
- [\*Law Firm for Public Agencies Asks for Coronavirus Meeting Exemption in Florida\*](#), Daily Business Review, March 4, 2020
- [\*Gun Control on Agenda for Weston Commission\*](#), NBC6, August 20, 2019
- [\*Lawsuit Led By Broward City May Transform Rules On Enacting Local Gun Laws\*](#), WLRN, August 20, 2019
- [\*State Appeals Circuit Judge's Ruling on Local Gun Regulations\*](#), Daily Business Review, August 1, 2019
- [\*This mayor plans next challenge to gun laws after recent legal win\*](#), Sun Sentinel, July 31, 2019
- [\*Local leaders who sued state over 2011 gun ordinance provision commend court ruling\*](#), WSVN, July 29, 2019
- [\*Florida's \\$5000 fine for enacting local gun-control laws struck down by judge\*](#), Miami Herald, July 26, 2019
- [\*Judge tosses law that punishes city officials who try to regulate guns\*](#), Sun Sentinel, July 26, 2019
- [\*Local governments, state square off on gun law\*](#), Fox 35, FlaPol, June 7, 2019
- [\*State, Local Governments Square off on Gun Law\*](#), News4Jax, June 7, 2019
- [\*Jamie Cole, Gary Rosen Combine for DBR's Attorneys of the Year Award\*](#), Daily Business Review, May 24, 2019
- [\*Fla. DEP Won't Fight Decision To Allow Everglades Oil Well\*](#), Law 360, May 9, 2019
- [\*Everglades oil drilling bid to continue after county backs off legal effort\*](#), Sun Sentinel, May 9, 2019
- [\*In Parkland Aftermath, State and Local Lawmaker For Ways to Implement More Firearm Regulations\*](#), WCTV, February 20, 2019
- [\*Officials in Standoff With Florida Gun Show Company Over Use of City Venue\*](#), The Guardian, February 8, 2019
- [\*Florida's On-going Issues of the Election and Recounts\*](#), Brian Mudd's Show - WIOD Radio, November 2018
- [\*Meeting about ICE gets heated in Miramar\*](#), The Miami Times, August 22, 2018
- [\*Broward County Circuit Court's New Professionalism and Civility Magistrate Program\*](#), Broward County Bar Association Barrister, June 2018
- [\*Manners Please: New Broward Program Will Quickly Sanction Unprofessional Lawyers\*](#), Daily Business Review, May 30, 2018
- [\*20 Cities Pile Into Gun Preemption Legal Challenge\*](#), Daily Business Review, May 21, 2018
- [\*Orlando, Maitland join lawsuit against Florida ban on local gun laws\*](#), Orlando Weekly, May 17, 2018
- [\*More Cities Join Challenge To Gun-Law Penalties\*](#), WGCU, May 17, 2018
- [\*Amended Firearm regulation lawsuit adds 10 additional Florida cities\*](#), WCTV, May 16, 2018



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- [10 Fla. Cities Join Challenge To Limits On Local Gun Control](#), Law360, May 16, 2018
- [Orlando, Maitland officially join gun lawsuit against Florida](#), Orlando Sentinel, May 16, 2018
- [Gainesville Among 10 Cities Joining A Legal Challenge Of Gun-Law Penalties](#), WUFT, May 16, 2018
- [Editorial: Every city should join fight against harmful state gun law](#), myPalmBeachPost, April 22, 2018
- [Three more South Florida cities sue Gov. Scott over ban on local gun laws](#), Miami Herald, April 11, 2018
- [Broward and Boca Raton ready to sue state over gun law](#), Sun Sentinel, April 11, 2018
- [Ten Florida Cities Challenge State's Pre-Emption Rule on Guns](#), Courthouse News Service, April 4, 2018
- [Florida mayors want to enact local gun regulations. First step: Sue the governor](#), Miami Herald, April 3, 2018
- [South Florida cities sue state over right to regulate guns](#), CNN, April 3, 2018
- [10 South Florida Cities Challenge State Law Preempting Local Gun Regulations](#), Daily Business Review, April 2, 2018
- [Florida Cities Challenge State Gun Safety Laws Preemption](#), Law360, April 2, 2018
- [South Florida Cities Suing State Over Gun Laws](#), NBC6 news, April 2018
- [10 South Florida mayors sue governor, AG over 1987 gun law](#), WSVN, April 2, 2018
- [South Florida cities challenge gun preemption](#), Daily Commercial News, April 3, 2018
- [10 South Florida mayors sue state to make their own gun laws](#), Local 10 ABC News, April, 3, 2018
- [10 South Florida Cities File Lawsuit So They Can Regulate Firearm](#), CBS4, April 3, 2018
- [Florida's Midsize Law Firms seek differentiation](#), Daily Business Review, June 16, 2017
- [Another Confusing, Misleading Property Tax Ballot Question](#), The Palm Beach Post, June 1, 2017
- [Weiss Serota adds 3rd South Florida office in Boca Raton](#), Law360, January 23, 2017
- [Fla Court OKs County's Delegation Of Contracting Authority](#), Law360, October 31, 2016
- [Collier Clerk Dwight Brock loses appeal over who can OK purchases less than \\$50,000](#), Naples Daily News, October 27, 2016
- [Judge Sides with Collier Commissioners in Suit Against Clerk Dwight Brock Over Purchases](#), Naples Daily News, February 19, 2016
- [Judge Considers Arguments To Settle Dispute Between Collier Clerk, Commissioners Over Paying Vendors](#), Naples Daily News, January 27, 2016
- [Delray To Discuss Validity Of City's Contract With Tennis Center Operator](#), Sun Sentinel, January 5, 2016
- [Cities Mull Road Map to Invite Uber Back to Broward](#), Sun Sentinel, July 17, 2015
- [Weston City Attorney: We Can Regulate Uber](#), BrowardBeat.com, July 15, 2015
- [Fla. Appeals Court OKs City's Denial of Taxi License](#), Law360, November 13, 2014
- [Hiring the right attorney is an opportunity for Delray to clean up its act](#), Boca Observer, May 27, 2014
- [Florida City Sues for \\$9 Million Bond Issue by Redevelopment Agency](#), Law 360, May 21, 2014
- [Delray's legal battle with Waste Management a hot election topic](#), SunSentinel, March 8, 2014
- [Fourth DCA Rejects Challenge to Boca Raton Project](#), Daily Business Review, January 30, 2014
- [Broward, cities in ugly 'divorce,'](#) Sun Sentinel, January 18, 2014
- [Broward needs an ethics czar, inspector general says](#), Sun Sentinel, January 5, 2014
- [New Job Titles Reflect Economic Challenges, Changing Career Expectations for Lawyers](#), ABA Journal, January 1, 2014
- [Book of Law 2013: Managing Partners](#), South Florida Business Journal, May 31, 2013
- [City's Legal Mind Teams Up to Win Brain-Twisting Herald Hunt](#), Newsday Tuesday, December 18, 2012
- [Davie Team Wins the Brain-Twisting Herald Hunt](#), Miami Herald, December 1, 2012
- [Weiss Serota's Jamie Cole Elected Chair of State Managing Partners Group](#), Daily Business Review, October 22, 2012
- [Managing Partners Survey 2012: Law Firms See 'Big Thaw After the Great Freeze](#), Daily Business Review, October 22, 2012
- [YOLO Finds Success Where Others Have Failed](#), Daily Business Review, August 31, 2012
- [Lauderhill Seeks to Resolve 2005 Annexation Dispute](#), Sun Sentinel, August 30, 2012



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- *Full Court Reverses Panel on Police Duty of Care*, Daily Business Review, February 24, 2012
- *50 Top Entrepreneurs in South Florida*, Business Leader Radio, February 13, 2012
- *Broward League of Cities Member Spotlight: Weiss Serota Helfman Cole Bierman & Popok*, Broward League of Cities, December 1, 2011
- *Best in Business: Jamie A. Cole*, South Florida Business Journal, September 16, 2011
- *Weston Teen Receives \$1,000 Prize*, Newsday Tuesday, August 16, 2011
- *Lawyers Looking for Lateral Moves in Demand*, South Florida Business Journal, May 20, 2011
- *Law Office Holds Essay Contest for Local High School Students*, South Dade News Leader, April 15, 2011
- *2008 Key Partners Awards*, South Florida Business Journal, October 16, 2010
- *Diversity In the Workplace Entails More Than Just Hiring Practices*, South Florida Business Journal, February 22, 2010
- *Growth Management Lawsuit Will Go Forward*, South Florida Business Journal, December 14, 2009
- *Accountants and Attorneys Help Clients Get Federal Stimulus Funds*, South Florida Business Journal, August 24, 2009

## Presentations

- *Coalitions and class actions*, Florida Municipal Attorneys Association (FMAA), July 30, 2022
- *Sunshine Law*, Broward League of Cities, July 7, 2022
- *Attorney Professionalism in a Telecommuting Culture*, City, County, and Local Government Section of the Florida Bar, March 2022
- *Vaccine and Mask Mandates*, Palm Beach County Bar Association Local Government & Land Use Committee, December 8, 2021
- *Mask Mandates for COVID*, Florida School Board Attorney Association, November 5, 2021
- *Broward League of Cities Ethics Training*, Broward League of Cities, November 2020
- *The War on Home Rule*, Dade County Bar Association Environmental and Land Use Committee, November 2020
- *Gun Regulations and Preemption*, League of Women Voters of Broward County, April 2018
- *Got Civility?* Broward County Bar Association, April 2018
- *Will our Cities lose Power to the State?* Fort Lauderdale Forum, March 2018
- *West Side Story: What's Happening in Western Broward County*, [Broward Workshop](#) Board of Directors Meeting, January 2018
- *Weston University*, City of Weston, October 2017
- *Medical Marijuana Track: Land Use & Zoning*, 2017 Broward County Bar Association's Bench & Bar Convention, October 2017
- *Sunshine Law: Shade Sessions*, BCBA Local Government Committee, May 2017
- *Sunshine Law*, BLOC Elected Officials Boot Camp, February 2017
- *Professionalism and Civility*, BCBA Managing Partners Bench and Bar Meeting, September 2016
- *Infrastructure/Transportation Surtax Kick Off Event Panel Presentation*, Broward County League Of Cities, September 2016
- *Sunshine Law training for Elected Officials*, Palm Beach County League of Cities, September 2016
- *Sunshine Law*, BLOC Ethics Training for Elected Officials, June 2016
- *Sunshine Law*, BLOC Elected Officials Boot Camp, May 2016
- *Town Hall Meeting to Oppose Oil Drilling in Broward County*, City of Miramar Panel Presentation, August 2015
- *Responding to Bid Protests and Public Procurement Irregularities*, 34th Annual Florida Municipal Attorney Association Seminar, July 2015
- *Ethical Standards*, Broward City County Management Association; International City County Management Association (ICMA) and Florida City and County Management Association (FCCMA), Margate, FL, March

## 2015

- *Ethics Presentation*, Florida League of Cities, Hollywood, FL, August 2014
- *Ethics, Voting Conflicts and Gift Law for Elected Officials*, BLOC Training, June 2015
- *BLOC Annual Ethics Seminar*, Coconut Creek, FL, June 2014
- *BLOC Training for New Officials*, Coconut Creek, FL, April 2014
- *Sunshine Law Presentation*, OIG Public Service Ethics for New Elected Officials, Plantation, FL, May 2013
- *BLOC Training for New Elected Officials*, Fort Lauderdale, FL, April 2013
- *Ethics Presentation*, Florida League of Cities, Hollywood, FL, August 2012
- *BLOC Ethics Training*, Sunrise, FL, April 2012

## Publications

- *[Mediation and Local Government: A Guide for Navigating Distinctive Terrain](#)*, Daily Business Review, September 20, 2022
- *[The Potential Liabilities for Cities, Insurers from Florida's New 'Anti-Riot' Law](#)*, Insurance Journal, May 18, 2021
- *[Déjà vu: Another confusing property tax ballot question](#)*, Sun Sentinel, June 8, 2017
- *[Another confusing, misleading property tax ballot question](#)*, The Palm Beach Post, June 1, 2017
- *The New Offer of Judgment Rule in Florida: What Does One Do Now?* The Florida Bar Journal, January 1990
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