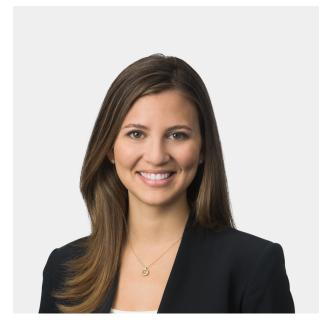
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Marissa Amuial concentrates her practice on land use and development throughout South Florida. She represents clients in a variety of land use and zoning matters, including comprehensive plan amendments, zoning code changes, historic preservation approvals, special area plans (SAPs), development agreements, and other complex land use matters. Marissa's practice ranges from conducting preliminary zoning due diligence to preparing and managing land use applications for all types of projects, from small multifamily buildings in Bay Harbor Islands to complex large-scale mixed-use developments such as the Miami Design District. She has successfully represented clients before municipal boards in various jurisdictions, including the City of Miami, Miami Beach, Bay Harbor Islands, Aventura, and Sunny Isles Beach, helping to unlock development potential and move projects forward with confidence.

#### Notable Work

Miami Design District: Represented Miami Design District Associates in the development of an unprecedented one million square foot retail, residential, and arts district. Handled related land use and governmental approvals under the Design District Special Area Plan, including updates to the Regulating Plan, Concept Book, and Development Agreement.

**Faena District**: Assisted in representation of Faena Group in the approval process for a mixed-use oceanfront development, including hotels, condominium apartments, retail, restaurants, and underground parking.

City of Miami: Represented several developers on successful approvals of projects before the City Commission, Planning Zoning and Appeals Board, Urban Development Review Board, and the Wynwood Design Review Committee.

City of Miami Beach: Assisted clients with approvals before the Historic Preservation Board, Design Review Board, and Board of

#### Areas of Experience

Real Estate

Florida Land Use and Entitlements Land Use and Development Local Government Advocacy

#### Education

J.D., Emory University School of Law, 2013, with honors, Moot Court Special Teams, Competitor and Coach

B.A., Duke University, Political Science, 2010, magna cum laude, Pi Sigma Alpha, National Honor Society in Political Science

## Admissions

#### Bars

Florida

#### Languages

Spanish

## Related Content

Akerman Sponsors Bakehouse Annual Fundraiser November 08, 2024

112 Akerman Lawyers Across the U.S. Named to 2023 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists September 28, 2023

Record Number of Akerman Lawyers Named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2024 Guide August 22, 2023 Adjustments.

**Bay Harbor Islands**: Represented several developers before the City Commission and Design Review Board.

**Aventura**: Assisted in obtaining amendments to land use development regulations, and site plan and variance approvals.

**Sunny Isles**: Represented developers in securing site plan approvals before the City Commission.

### **Affiliations**

- Florida Bar, Environmental and Land Use Law Section, Member
- Greater Miami Jewish Federation, Board of Directors
- Miami 23, Wexner Heritage Leadership Program

### **Honors and Distinctions**

- Best Lawyers in America, 2022-2025, Listed in Florida for Real Estate Law and Land Use and Zoning Law as "One to Watch"
- Super Lawyers Magazine, 2020, 2023, Listed in Florida as a "Rising Star" in Land Use & Zoning
- Rok Family Shul Chabad, Downtown Jewish Center, YJP Young Leadership Award, 2019