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Marissa Amuial focuses her practice on land use and development, representing clients in all aspects of the development approval process including zoning applications, special area plans (SAPs), historic preservation matters, and other administrative and quasi-judicial hearings. Additionally, Marissa assists clients throughout South Florida in navigating public/private incentive agreements and in drafting land use development regulations.

### 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.

**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 Zoning Approvals:** Represented several developers on successful approvals of projects before the Urban Development Review Board and the Wynwood Design Review Committee.

**City of Miami Beach:** Assisted in the representation of developers with approvals before the Historic Preservation Board, Design Review Board, and Board of Adjustments.

**Sunny Isles:** Assisted in the representation of a developer in securing site plan approval before the city commission.

**Aventura:** Assisted in the representation of developers in obtaining an amendment to land use development regulations, and site plan and variance approvals.

### 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

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## 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