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Dennis A. Kerbel is chair of Akerman’s Florida Land Use and Entitlements Practice. Dennis has extensive experience in the full range of local government law issues, with a particular legal concentration in land use law. He focuses his practice on helping clients achieve optimal results from governmental approval processes and, where appropriate, litigation. Dennis has experience in federal and state courts at both the trial and appellate levels. He handles a broad variety of cases, including zoning appeals, enforcement actions, and federal civil rights claims.

As former chief of the Zoning, Land Use & Environment Section of the Miami-Dade County Attorney’s Office, Dennis represented and advised Miami-Dade County on planning, zoning, environmental, platting, impact fee, historic preservation, and code enforcement matters. He successfully defended a variety of challenges to County land use decisions.

Related Professional Experience

- Miami-Dade County, Assistant County Attorney, 2002-2024; Chief, Zoning, Land Use & Environment Section, 2015-2024
- Florida International University College of Law
 - Adjunct Professor: Land Use Law, Fall 2019-2022; Florida Constitutional Law, Summer 2024; Local Government Law, Summer 2019
 - Co-Lecturer: Land Use Law, Spring 2012; Environmental Law, Fall 2013; Florida Constitutional Law, Spring 2017
- St. Thomas University School of Law
 - Adjunct Professor: Land Use Law, Spring 2019-present; Florida Constitutional Law, Summer 2018 and Spring 2024
 - Legal Writing Instructor, 2003-2005

Published Work and Lectures

Areas of Experience

Florida Land Use and Entitlements
 Real Estate
 Real Estate Litigation
 Land Use and Development

Education

J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School, 1998
 B.A., Harvard University, 1995, magna cum laude

Admissions

Bars

Florida
 New York

Courts

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
 U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
 U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
 U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

Languages

Spanish

Related Content

Assistant Miami-Dade County Attorney Dennis A. Kerbel Joins Akerman as Florida Land Use and Entitlements Practice Chair
 May 02, 2024

Published Works

- *FIU Law Review*, Author, "Zoning and the Complicated Reliance on Restrictive Covenants," 12 *FIU L. Rev.* 263, 2017
- *Florida Bar Journal*, Author, "FLUEDRA: Flawed, but Fixable?" Craig H. Collier & Dennis A. Kerbel, June 2012

Lectures

- Dade County Bar Association, Speaker, "Hot Topics in Zoning and Development," April 5, 2019
- Dade County Bar Association, Speaker, "Zoning Powerhouse Panel: Everything You Want to Know," February 14, 2018
- Dade County Bar Association, Speaker, "American Dream Mall - Obtaining Development Approval," April 27, 2017
- Builders Association and Latin Builders Association, Speaker, "Legislative Breakfast: Solutions for Workforce Housing," March 22, 2017
- 40th Annual Local Government Law in Florida, Speaker, "Workforce Housing, Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Other Current Land Use Issues," May 12, 2017