

## H. Adams Weaver

1945 - 2024

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### Honors & Distinctions

The Best Lawyers in America  
Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law,  
2007-Present

#### Florida Super Lawyers

General Litigation, 2006-2022

#### Palm Beach Illustrated

Top Lawyers, Eminent Domain and  
Condemnation Law, 2018-Present

Top Lawyers, Land Use & Zoning Law, 2018-  
2020

#### Florida Trend

Legal Elite, 2004

#### Martindale-Hubbell AV® Peer Review Rated

### Education

J.D., University of Florida

B.A., University of Florida

### Admissions

The Florida Bar

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, Southern District of  
Florida

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

U.S. Courts of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit



Jones Foster mourns the loss of beloved Partner and Emeritus Board Member H. Adams Weaver, a respected and distinguished member of the legal community.

Mr. Weaver joined Jones Foster in 1988 following his significant contributions to the growth of the law firm Johnston, Sasser, Randolph, and Weaver. Long considered a preeminent attorney in the area of eminent domain and land use litigation, he dedicated his career to the representation of his clients—including developers, utilities, private landowners, and investors—before governmental bodies across the state.

Mr. Weaver's expertise, professionalism, mentorship, and integrity influenced those with whom he worked, and his legacy will live on in the firm through the impact he made on the profession.

We extend our deepest sympathies to his family at this difficult time.

#### *About H. Adams*

*Adams Weaver has maintained a statewide practice in eminent domain and related land use litigation for over thirty-five years. In addition to his eminent domain and land use practice, Adams has successfully litigated numerous complex commercial and contested matters. Adams is responsible for one of the largest condemnation awards in the history of Florida in the amount of \$110,000,000 and has been counsel of record in cutting edge cases impacting Florida Law.*

*Adams represents businesses in a wide variety of industries including industrial and agricultural properties, owners of large vacant property, and*



*individual homeowners.*

*As a result of his extensive eminent domain experience, Adams is frequently called upon to lecture at a variety of seminars on topics in his area of focus and authored a chapter in The Florida Bar Florida Eminent Domain Practice and Procedure Manual. Adams has served as Chairman of the Florida Bar Eminent Domain Committee and has been an active member since 1976. In addition to his practice in eminent domain, Adams has served as Vice Chair of the Code and Rules of Evidence Committee of the Florida Bar and the Rules of Civil Procedure Committee of the Florida Bar.*

## **Experience Highlights**

### **Significant Recovery for Real Property Owner in Inverse Condemnation Lawsuit**

Representation of a real property owner in an inverse condemnation lawsuit for the taking of submerged land by Palm Beach County without permission or compensation that resulted in reduced ability to develop the property. A seven-day jury trial resulted in an award of \$425,700 – a valuation approximately 27 times higher than the County’s valuation of \$15,700.

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### **Private Utility Awarded \$110 Million in Landmark Eminent Domain Case**

Representation of private utility in taking by Charlotte County of land, water, and sewer. Litigation resulted in successful resolution on 2<sup>nd</sup> day of trial, with initial offer of \$47 million increased to a \$110 million award for client, one of the largest in the State of Florida’s history.

### **\$2 Million Settlement in DOT Condemnation Case**

Representation of shopping center in condemnation case against DOT for taking due to State Road 7 road widening. Matter appealed and remanded back to non-jury trial to determine if there was a taking. Successfully concluded with a \$2 million settlement for client.

### **CRA Condemnation Results in Successful Settlement and Legislative Action**

Notable condemnation case involving the taking of a boardwalk in Daytona Beach. Settlement reached after appeal, with resulting actions taken by the State of Florida legislature disallowing future condemnation of private property for community redevelopment.

### **Settlement in DOT Condemnation Case Following Denial of Compensation**

Represented internationally branded hotel in Palm Beach County against DOT who denied impact to business for lost parking, offering no



compensation for business damages. Settlement reached on 2<sup>nd</sup> day of trial in the amount of \$100k.

#### **Substantial Settlement in DOT Condemnation Case**

Represented shopping center in condemnation case against FDOT for a taking resulting from road widening on Military Trail. Settlement was made prior to trial with substantial recovery for client.

#### **\$1 Million Settlement in DOT Condemnation Case**

Represented Indian River County service station in condemnation case against DOT due to substantial business impact by taking. Settlement was reached prior to trial in the amount of \$1 million.

#### **Settlement in DOT Condemnation Case 3x Initial Offer**

Represented nursery in condemnation case against DOT for taking as the result of State Road 80 widening. Original settlement offered was \$300k; final settlement for client was \$970k.

#### **\$800k Settlement for Small Business in DOT Condemnation Case**

Representation of a Broward County auto repair shop in condemnation case against FDOT for taking as the result of State Road 7 road widening. \$800k settlement in mediation.

#### **Inverse Condemnation Dispute Concerning Construction of Breakwaters on Private Property**

Representation of developer in inverse condemnation action against a Florida county concerning the unauthorized construction of breakwaters on developer's privately-owned submerged land.

### **Affiliations**

#### **The Florida Bar, Eminent Domain Committee**

Member, 1976-Present

Chair, 1987-1988

#### **The Florida Bar, Eminent Domain CLE Manual Steering Committee**

Member, 1977-Present

Chair, 2003-2008

#### **The Florida Bar, Code and Rules of Evidence Committee**

Member, 1998-2004

Vice Chair, 2003-2004

Business Records Subcommittee, Chair, 2000-2002

Code Improvement Subcommittee, Chair, 2002-2003

#### **The Florida Bar, Rules of Civil Procedure Committee**

Member, 2004-2010

