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Attorney with more than 20 years of experience practicing local government law with the City of Miami City Attorney's Office, including serving as Chief Assistant City Attorney for Land Use and Zoning.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2003 to present: Areas of practice include general practice, with emphasis on city, county and municipal law. Special Counsel to municipalities on matters relating to zoning, land use, code enforcement, legislation, and general municipal law. Advise and represent private clients regarding planning, zoning and land use issues and other matters of local government.

1977 – 1980; 1983 – 2003: CITY OF MIAMI, CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
Chief Assistant City Attorney; Assistant City Attorney

- **Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement:** Defended the City against challenges to its land use decisions; Drafted legal opinions and memoranda and researched evaluated and counseled clients (elected officials, appointed board members, City Manager's Office, Department directors, staff, and at times, members of the public) regarding innumerable land use and zoning issues and land use permit applications; attended hundreds of public hearings, staff meetings, agenda review sessions, and administrative and judicial proceedings; drafted legislation for a wide variety of municipal matters, including, *inter alia*, zoning ordinances, and city codes;
- **Contracts/procurement:** Drafted new procurement code; drafted debarment regulations; prepared and reviewed City contracts; counseled City regarding Cone of Silence; counseled City clients regarding bid disputes and bid protests; represented City officials before Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics;
- **Public Works:** Drafted legislation, counseled and defended City against challenges relating to platting, alley and street closures, rights of way and professional consultant contracts; drafted/evaluated contracts, and related issues, represented City before State of Florida Construction Industry Advisory Board;
- **Real Estate:** Represented and counseled the City and its authorities and agencies in planning/soliciting/awarding bids and implementing development of major projects on City-owned land, including post-development issues relating to contract interpretation and revenue collection. Such projects included: Bayside Specialty Center, Bayfront Park Redevelopment, Miami Arena and Watson Island projects.

- **Municipal law:** Advised administration and commission on various legal issues; served as counsel to and represented most major city boards, authorities, committees and councils, both quasi-judicial and advisory, including, *inter alia*, Miami City Commission, Zoning Board, Planning Advisory Board, (now, the Miami Planning, Zoning and Appeals Board); Historic and Environmental Preservation Review Board, Plat & Street Committee, Off Street Parking Authority, Coconut Grove Parking Trust (now, Coconut Grove BID), Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Bayfront Park Management Trust, Mayor's Council for Arts and Entertainment, Solid Waste Committee; Miami Sports and Exhibition Authority; represented City at judicial and administrative levels in matters arising from Board decisions; prepared legal opinions and legal memoranda. Represented City and Off-Street Parking Authority in the drafting, interpretation and implementation/enforcement of the City's Parking Trust Fund. Represented City before various other governmental boards and agencies at state and county level.

Admitted to the Florida Bar in 1977, Ms. Maer served as Chair of its City, County and Local Government Law Section, co-chaired its initial City/County Local Government Law Certification Committee (Florida Bar Board Certified in City/County Local Government Law from 1996 until 2016); served as Chair of the State-wide Florida Planning and Zoning Association (FPZA) and of its South Florida Chapter; taught Planning Law and Ethics (graduate program) as adjunct professor at FIU, and served as lecturer at Florida Bar seminars and other professional conferences.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, SCHOOL OF LAW, *cum laude*, J.D., 1977

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY, *cum laude*; *Faculty Scholar*, B.A. (English), 1974.