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James C. Gavigan, Jr. is a Partner in the West Palm Beach office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Land Use Practice Group.

Jamie represents clients who need experienced land use and property rights counsel. He represents developers and property owners in their interactions with local, county and state agencies on land use and land development issues. Jamie is also an experienced litigator who has successfully handled a wide variety of land use and real property disputes, taking claims and inverse condemnation actions, title and boundary issues, state and local permitting issues, and riparian rights issues.

Jamie was born and raised in Palm Beach County and is an active member of his community. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches and the Palm Beach County Bar Association's Land Use and Local Government Committee.

Practice Areas

Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation

Land Use & Zoning

Litigation

Real Estate

Industry Focus

Real Estate

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Accolades

- Best Lawyers in America
 - Land Use & Zoning, Litigation – Real Estate, 2023
- Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch
 - Land Use & Zoning; Litigation – Real Estate, 2022
 - Administrative/Regulatory Law; Commercial Litigation, Eminent Domain & Condemnation Law, 2021-2022
- Florida Super Lawyers
 - Rising Stars, Business Litigation, 2021-Present
- *Palm Beach Illustrated*
 - Top Lawyers, Land Use & Zoning, 2022, 2023, 2025
 - Top Lawyers, Eminent Domain & Condemnation Law, 2021-Present
- Florida Trend
 - Legal Elite, Up & Comer, Commercial Litigation, 2017, 2020
- Daily Business Review
 - Most Effective Lawyers, Finalist, Intellectual Property, 2016

Education

- University of Florida College of Law, J.D., 2010
- Georgetown University, B.A., *cum laude*, 2005

Bar Admissions

Florida

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court of the Southern District of Florida

Professional and Civic

- The Florida Bar
 - Member, Environmental & Land Use Section, 2019-Present
 - Member, Eminent Domain Committee, 2017-2019

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- Palm Beach County Bar Association
 - Member, Land Use & Local Governmental Committee
 - Past Member, Judicial Relations Committee
- Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches
 - Board of Directors, 2021-Present
- Georgetown University Club of Palm Beach
 - Board of Directors
- Federal Bar Association Palm Beach County Chapter
- Palm Beach Planning Congress
- Business Development Board of Palm Beach County
- Leadership Palm Beach County
 - Graduate, Engage Class, 2019
 - Member, Civics & Government Day Committee

Reported Opinions

- *M & M Realty Partners at Hagen Ranch, LLC v. Mazzoni*, 982 F.3d 1333 (11th Cir. 2020)

Presentations

- Panelist, Capital Analytics Invest: Palm Beach 2022-2023 Launch Conference, December 2022
- Panelist, "Combatting the Effects of COVID – How Planners Cope, Function and Thrive in the New Norm," Palm Beach County Planning Congress, August 2021