

## BERGER SINGERMAN STRENGTHENS TALLAHASSEE TEAM WITH ADDITION OF CHARLES AND JOSHUA STRATTON

**Firm continues to expand footprint in the region with father-son duo boasting 40 years of combined experience in eminent domain law**

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Berger Singerman, Florida's business law firm, is pleased to announce that Charles Stratton and Joshua Stratton have joined the firm as partners on the Dispute Resolution Team. They bring decades of experience to the firm's Eminent Domain practice and will focus their practice on representing private property owners and lessees in eminent domain and related matters. This father-son team will be resident in Berger Singerman's Tallahassee office.

"Charlie and Josh Stratton are two of Florida's most distinguished eminent domain practitioners whose passion for defending the rights of property owners and lessees is a perfect match for Berger Singerman's focus on representing entrepreneurs and their businesses," said Paul Steven Singerman, co-chair of Berger Singerman. "They exemplify our commitment to recruiting and retaining culturally compatible top legal talent."

Charles Stratton joins Berger Singerman with nearly 40 years of eminent domain expertise. He began his career at the Florida Department of Transportation, where he soon became the Chief Eminent Domain Attorney for the state. Charles subsequently entered the private sector at Nelson Mullins Broad and Cassel in Tallahassee, where he focused his practice on representing property owners affected by eminent domain and related proceedings, including national, regional and small businesses as well as individual homeowners throughout the state. He has successfully stopped condemning authorities from taking properties, negotiated better terms and delayed takings to provide clients more time to prepare. He is also a Florida Supreme Court certified mediator, and he has helped resolve eminent domain disputes at the highest level in the state.

Charles has been recognized as a top Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law attorney by The Best Lawyers in America for 15 consecutive years and is a 13-time Florida Super Lawyers honoree. Charles is a member of the Association of Eminent Domain Professionals and The Florida Bar's Eminent Domain Committee. He earned his J.D. from University of Florida Levin College of Law and his B.A. in Education from University of Miami.

Joshua Stratton also specializes in eminent domain matters, representing private property owners and lessees around Florida against state and local government entities, utilities companies and more. He works with clients of all sizes, ranging from nationwide chains to small businesses and individual homeowners, and practiced at Nelson Mullins Broad and Cassel prior to joining Berger Singerman. Before concentrating his practice on eminent domain matters, he represented major national and global businesses in the technology and financial sectors and has substantial experience in intellectual property law, particularly copyright and trademark litigation.

Joshua is also a member of the Association of Eminent Domain Professionals as well as The Florida Bar's Eminent Domain Committee. He earned his LL.M. in Intellectual Property, Commerce and Technology from the Franklin Pierce Law Center, his J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law and his B.A. in English and American Literature from Brandeis University.

Joshua and Charles join other high-profile members of Berger Singerman's Tallahassee office, such as nationally recognized Government and Regulatory practitioners, Floyd Self and Daniel Thompson, who are each Florida Bar Board Certified experts in State and Federal Government and Administrative Practice. Other notable attorneys in the firm's Tallahassee office include Brian Rich, a member of Berger Singerman's Business Reorganization team, who most recently represented numerous developers and borrowers severely impacted by COVID-19 in restructuring matters, as well as Melanie Ann Hines, Florida's former statewide prosecutor.

## **Related Practice Teams**

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Dispute Resolution

## **Related Team Member(s)**

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Charles S. Stratton

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