

## GOVERNMENT DISPUTES

Litigating against the government presents unique challenges that require specialized legal counsel. The attorney members of Berger Singerman's Government Disputes Practice Group have decades of experience litigating for and against government agencies. This experience has given these attorneys a unique understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of government in an adversarial context.

The Government Disputes Practice Group's provides the following legal services includes:

- Challenges to tax assessments
- Challenges to election results or candidate qualification determinations
- Representation of clients that are the targets of agency probes, investigations, subpoenas, and the like
- Challenges to Agency Decisions That Impact Clients
- Counsel Clients on Administrative and Judicial Options to Challenge Agency Action or Inaction
- Defense of Clients' Interests in Proceedings Brought by Third Parties to Challenge Agency Action or Inaction Favorable to a Client
- Negotiation with agencies adverse to clients to effectuate resolution prior to the filing of actions by the agency
- Negotiation of Settlement Agreements Between Clients and Agencies
- Challenges to Agency Rules, Regulations and Ordinances
- Initiation of Civil or Administrative Actions Against an Agency for Proposing or undertaking actions adverse to a client
- Constitutional Challenges to Agency Action
- Representation of Clients Before Governmental Boards Acting in a Quasi-Judicial Capacity
- Representation of Clients That May Be a Target of White Collar Criminal Proceedings
- Challenges to ballot initiatives and referenda

The Government Disputes Practice Group's attorneys have assisted clients with the following types of matters:

- Environmental Enforcement
- Land Use
- Eminent Domain
- Bert J. Harris Act
- Property Tax
- Sales and Use Tax
- Code Enforcement
- Business and Professional Licensing
- Clean Water Act
- CERCLA
- Endangered Species Act
- National Environmental Policy Act

- 42 U.S.C. §§1981 and 1983
- Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Criminal Investigations and Defense
- Voting Rights Act

The Government Disputes Practice Group's attorneys have experience before numerous tribunals and boards:

- Federal and State Agencies, such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Justice, Florida Departments of Environmental Protection, Community Affairs, Health, Health Care Administration, Transportation, Management Services, Business and Professional Regulation, Revenue, Education and Financial Services, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Florida Lottery, and the Public Service Commission
- Regional and Local Agencies, such as Water Management Districts, Boards of County Commissioners and Municipal Governing Boards
- The State of Florida Division of Administrative Hearings
- State Professional Licensing Boards
- Local Administrative Tribunals and Boards, such as Code Enforcement Boards, Hearing Officers and Boards of Zoning and Appeals
- Federal Trial, Appellate and Specialty Courts
- Florida Trial and Appellate Courts
- Grand Juries