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Stew Weiss counsels municipalities on land use, government regulations, and contract matters. Stew focuses on minimizing risk and establishing internal best practices, while providing clients with the flexibility to respond to external opportunities and challenges. He has assisted the Firm's local government clients in the negotiation, drafting, and implementation of redevelopment and subdivision agreements, tax incentive and sales tax rebate agreements, and annexation agreements. Mr. Weiss has guided cities and villages through the rewrites of their business licensing, building code, zoning, and subdivision regulations. He has extensive experience in both public contracting and development incentives, and serves as counsel to village boards of trustees, city councils, zoning boards, plan commissions, and electoral boards.

With deep knowledge of the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act and the Illinois Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Act, he has advised communities and businesses across the state on the regulation and licensing of the cannabis industry.

Stew also counsels public sector clients on issues associated with cybersecurity and data protection, including breach response, notification requirements, risk management, and third-party vendor matters.

Stew dedicates his pro bono practice to organizations that link the well-being of communities to open space and urban agriculture. He serves as pro bono counsel to NeighborSpace, a not-for-profit landbank that maintains over 115 community gardens in the City of Chicago. Stew is Board President for Growing Home, a jobs training program in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood dedicated to providing essential life skills to persons with barriers to the job market through urban farming.