

CONSTRUCTION

Construction, a major component of the real estate industry, is a leading industry in its own right and an important economic driver in Florida. We have extensive construction and development related experience and relationships with industry participants.

Our Construction Services Team provides comprehensive legal services throughout all phases of construction projects, including pre-construction contract negotiations bonding, contract performance, and dispute resolution. Our attorneys have extensive experience representing the various parties involved in the design and construction process: owners, developers, general contractors, subcontractors, construction managers, suppliers, consultants, sureties, lenders, investors, and design professionals, including architects, engineers, land planners, landscape and interior designers, and surveyors. We have assisted clients in a wide variety of condominium and multi-family rental projects, including office buildings, shopping centers, hotels, condominium buildings, apartment buildings, multi-purpose buildings, marinas and office/retail projects near shipping ports, condominium conversions, mixed-use projects, public infrastructure projects, environmental remediation projects, and high-end single family residences. We have worked with local counsel in connection with international construction projects in Jamaica, Barbados and the Caribbean island nations.

We focus on enabling our clients to commence and complete construction projects in a timely and cost-effective manner and to successfully resolve any claims. Our attorneys are involved with solicitations, bidding, negotiating and drafting AIA, FIDIC and other contract documents with an emphasis on proper contract administration, timely completion of projects within the contract budget, claims procedure compliance, effective risk management and efficient resolution of business disputes.

When construction-related disputes cannot be resolved, our firm has the experience and resources to litigate disputes in both state and federal courts, to mediate and arbitrate, and in to engage in administrative hearings, if appropriate. We have successfully represented clients in the following types of construction-related disputes:

- Bid protests
- Construction lien claims and foreclosures
- Payment and performance bond claims
- Contract disputes
- Negligence claims
- Scheduling and delay claims
- Construction defect claims
- Design defect or warranty claims
- "Failure to disclose" claims
- Change order disputes
- Extra work disputes
- Scope of work disputes
- Professional malpractice claims
- Water intrusion, indoor air quality and mold claims

Working with members of our nationally recognized Restructuring team, members of our Construction Services Team are often involved in many of Florida's most complex consensual workouts and bankruptcies of developers, contractors and construction related entities. We are also retained by sophisticated investors pursuing investments in distressed real estate, both land and developments.

Our professional relationships with leading industry consultants, investment bankers, lenders and other attorneys specializing in serving the construction sector is another resource available to our clients.