

# Construction Law and Litigation

The Firm and its attorneys have been at the forefront of the resolution of construction disputes for both governmental and private interests throughout the southeastern United States. We regularly represent contractors, governmental entities, owners, developers, sureties, manufacturers, and designer professionals in all phases of the construction process, from the bid and procurement process, including bid protests, to mid-project dispute resolution, and through project close out and any resulting litigation. Our attorneys are frequently recognized in leading legal publications for their success in construction law and litigation, including *Best Law Firms*® guide, *Best Lawyers in America*®, *Florida Super Lawyers*, and *Tampa Magazine*.

### About Our Construction Law and Litigation Practice

Our construction attorneys represent clients in planning and transactional matters, litigation, and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) proceedings. As a result, not only are we able to guide clients through the entire lifecycle of a successful construction project, but we are also able to quickly step in and assist when things don't go according to plan. While litigating construction disputes in court may be necessary in some cases, it is often possible to achieve an out-of-court resolution that satisfies all parties and allows projects to continue moving forward.

#### Construction Project Planning and Transactions

Within our construction project planning and transactions practice, we represent all parties involved in large-scale construction projects throughout Florida and the southeastern United States. Our clients include, but are not limited to:

Property owners and developers
Contractors and subcontractors
Sureties
Banks and other lenders
Leasing companies
Material and equipment suppliers
Architecture, engineering and other professional services firms
Governmental entities

From assisting with planning large-scale construction projects to managing the bid process, negotiating contracts, obtaining licenses and permits, and getting all necessary parties onboard, our attorneys often play a central role in bringing construction projects to fruition. Of course, while we work to adequately address all parties' interests to the extent necessary, our ultimate priority is always to protect the best interests of our clients.

#### Construction Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

We devote a significant portion of our practice to representing clients in complex commercial litigation, including matters arising out of large-scale construction projects. We regularly represent clients in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) proceedings as well, including mediation and arbitration required under commercial construction agreements.

Construction projects can lead to disputes involving a wide range of issues. With our experience in construction, we are well-versed in the types of issues that tend to lead to disputes. We also have an intimate understanding of what it takes to resolve these disputes favorably for our clients, whether this means negotiating a settlement or securing a verdict at trial.

Our construction litigation attorneys regularly handle disputes involving issues such as:

Construction Bid Disputes – We handle construction bid disputes on behalf of contractors, subcontractors, governmental entities, and other clients.

Construction Defect Litigation – A significant portion of our construction law and litigation practice involves construction defect litigation arising both during large-scale construction projects and after a project's completion.

Commercial Contract Disputes – Our attorneys have extensive experience handling commercial contract disputes. We work to preserve our clients' contractual relationships when desired and litigate to protect our clients' contractual rights when necessary. Financing and Leasing Disputes – We represent property owners, banks, leasing companies and other commercial clients in financing and leasing disputes arising in connection with large-scale construction projects.

Surety Disputes – We also have extensive experience representing clients in suretyship matters related to large-scale construction projects, and have one of the most well-respected suretyship practices in the nation.

These are just examples. Regardless of the issues involved, if your business or institution is facing a dispute (or potential dispute) related to a large-scale construction project, our attorneys are well-experienced to guide you forward, help you make informed decisions about your next steps, and, when necessary, pursue litigation on your business's or institution's behalf.

## Speak with an Attorney in Our Construction Law and Litigation Practice Group

If you would like to know more about our experience assisting with large-scale construction projects or representing clients in construction-related litigation or ADR, we invite you to get in touch. To speak with an attorney in our Construction Law and Litigation Practice Group, please call 813-229-3500 or contact us online today.