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Overview

Jeff Paskert, a distinguished leader in Tampa's legal community, has more than three decades of experience handling sophisticated construction and commercial litigation matters. As President and a founding shareholder of Paskert Divers Thompson, he has built a reputation for excellence representing his clients, making him a trusted advocate in high-stakes litigation.

Mr. Paskert earned his Bachelor of Science degree with high honors and his Juris Doctor degree with high honors from the University of Florida, where he was on Law Review and inducted into the Order of the Coif. Mr. Paskert has been Martindale-Hubbell AV rated since 2000, recognized by Best Lawyers in Construction Law, Commercial Litigation, and/or Insurance Law since 2015, was Best Lawyers' Tampa Bay Construction Law Lawyer of the Year in 2020 and 2022, has been Florida Super Lawyers every year since 2008, and for many consecutive years has been listed as one of Tampa Bay's Top Lawyers, Florida's Top Lawyers, and America's Leading Lawyers. Mr. Paskert also is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator whose ability to navigate and resolve complex disputes has earned him widespread recognition.

As a Tampa native, and with his wife Kathy parents of four adult children (two Gators and two 'Noles), Mr. Paskert also prioritizes community involvement. He has served in volunteer roles at his alma mater, Jesuit High School, and his children's schools, their church, and Boy Scouts of America, among other organizations. Mr. Paskert is a past President of the University Club, is the current Fleet Captain and a Board Member at the Tampa Yacht and Country Club, and is a member and Grenadier of Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla.

With an unwavering commitment to legal excellence and his community, Mr. Paskert continues shaping Tampa's legal landscape, delivering outstanding results while upholding the highest standards of integrity and professionalism.

[My Mediation Calendar](#)

Professional Involvement

Selected Honors & Recognitions

AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell



AV Peer Review Rated since 2000
PRR AV Preeminent Attorneys
PRR AV Preeminent Attorneys Judicial Edition
PRR AV Preeminent Attorneys Lawyers.com
Best Lawyers - Lawyer of the Year - 2022, Construction Law
Best Lawyers - Lawyer of the Year - 2020, Construction Law
Best Lawyers - 2015-present, Construction Law, Commercial Litigation,
Commercial Litigation, and/or Insurance Law
Florida Super Lawyers - 2010-present
Florida's Top Lawyers
Tampa Bay's Top Lawyers
America's Most Honored Professionals
America's Leading Lawyers

Professional, Trade, and Philanthropic Affiliations - Current and Prior

American Bar Association
ABA Young Lawyers Division
Past Chair, Chair Elect, and Secretary
National Conferences Team-Chair
Fellow of the Young Lawyers Division
Board of Directors
ABA House of Delegates
Member
ABA Section Officers' Conference
ABA Litigation Section
Executive Council
Insurance and Surety Claims Subcommittee
Construction Litigation Committee
Commercial and Business Litigation Committee
Trial Practice Task Force
American Bar Association Advisory Panel Member (end of
service 2/2014)
Business Law Section
Member
Tort and Insurance Practice Section
Long Range Planning Committee
Fidelity and Surety Law Committee
Editor, Fidelity and Surety Law Committee
Newsletter

Construction Lawyers Society of America
Charter Fellow

The Florida Bar
Trial Lawyers Section
Member, Trial Law Institute
Eleventh Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee
Vice - Chair
Special Statewide Grievance Committee - Member
Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
Real Property, Probate & Trust Law

Hillsborough County Bar Association
Construction Law Committee - Chair
Young Lawyer of the Year Award Recipient
Young Lawyer Division Secretary
Young Lawyer Division Board of Directors
Construction Law Section

Mediation & Arbitration Section
Trial & Litigation Section

Gulfcoast Fidelity and Surety Institute
Founding Member
Conference Chair (multiple years)
Program Chair (multiple years)

National Bond Claims Association
Member

Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida
Professionalism Committee

Publications & Speaking

Selected Publications

"Still Cannot Escape Being an Unlicensed Contractor" *Lawyer*, Summer 2013

"Reactive Drywall Claims: An Overview of Causes of Action and Defenses Relevant to Reactive Chinese Drywall Structures," January, 2010

"Chinese Drywall: What You Need to Know," *Insights*, Winter 2010

"The Loan Loss Exclusion: Assuring That Credit and Business Risks Remain with the Financial Bond," Financial Institution Bonds, Third Edition, ABA 2008

"Managing the Insurer's Response to the Claim," Financial Institution Bonds, Third Edition, ABA 2008

"Financial Institution Bonds: From the Masters," program American Bar Association, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section, November 2008

"Florida's Statute of Repose Significantly Shortened!" *Insights*, Fall, 2006.

Case Summary: Professional Plastering, Inc. v. Bridgeport-Strasberg Joint Venture, et al., *Insights*, Spring 2005.

"I Didn't Mean Any Harm: Manifest Intent Under Fidelity Bonds," *Insights*, Spring 2004.

No Ticket, No Laundry: Statutory Licensure Requirements for Contractors, and Recent Legislative Changes, *Insights*, Summer 2003.

No Ticket, No Laundry: Statutory Licensure Requirements for Contractors, and the Consequential Impact on Contract Sureties' Liabilities (or, Are Sureties Getting Taken to the Laundry?), Gulfcoast Fidelity and Surety Conference, June 2003.

Deja Vous All Over Again: Issue Preclusion and the Surety, Gulfcoast Fidelity and Surety Conference, June 2002.

No Ticket, No Laundry: Proper Licensure as a Prerequisite to Recovery Under a Construction Project in Florida, and the Consequential Impact on Surety Companies' Responsibilities and Liabilities, Gulfcoast Fidelity and Surety Conference, June 1999 and June 2000.

What Lies Behind the Doebr? A Review of the Constitutionality of Mechanics' Lien Laws, The Construction Lawyer, October 1994.

Professionalism, Ethics, and the Profession: The Role of Bar Activities, Stetson University College of Law, St. Petersburg, Florida, January 1996.

The ABA/YLD: Professional and Public Service Perspectives, North Carolina Bar Association Annual Meeting, Ashville, NC, June 1995.

How to Become Involved in the ABA/YLD, Alabama Young Lawyers Section Seminar, Destin, FL, May 1995.

Importance of and Technique in Long Range Planning, ABA/YLD Southeastern Regional AOP, Atlanta, GA, May 1995.

ABA/YLD: Activities and Opportunities, Texas Young Lawyers Association Board Meeting, Kerrville TX, April 1995.

Leadership Issues Facing Young Lawyer Leaders: Problems and Solutions, Oklahoma Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Planning Retreat, Oklahoma City, OK, January 1995.

Recruiting and Developing Committee Members, Panel/Group Discussion, Oklahoma Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Planning Retreat, Oklahoma City, OK, January 1995.

Achieving Diversity in Bar Organizations, Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Statewide AOP Conference, Ponte Vedra, FL, January 1994.

Disaster Preparedness and Response - What Lawyers Can Do," Symposium/Panel, American Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, Cleveland, OH, 1992.

Interaction Between American Bar Association and The Florida Bar, Conference, The Florida Bar, Young Lawyers Division, Sand Key, FL, 1992.

Selected Speaking Engagements

"WRAPS" presentation for MC Consultants, Inc. 4th Annual East Region Construction Defect Conference, June 2010

"Contaminated Drywall Update" CLE presentation for Hillsborough County Bar Association, January 2010

Community

Community Involvement

University Club of Tampa - President - 2020

Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scout, Assistant Scoutmaster, and multiple committees

Boy Scouts of America District Committee

Recipient of The Bronze Pelican Award: Catholic Scouting

Knights of Columbus Member
Jesuit High School Foundation Member



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