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### Overview

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Dara Dawson is an associate in the firm's Tampa office. Dara joined Paskert Divers Thompson in 2012 after practicing with a well-respected firm in Miami for several years, where she represented a diverse group of clients in the areas of construction, aviation, and product liability law. Here, Dara's practice is devoted to the resolution of complex commercial litigation disputes primarily involving construction defect claims and surety matters. Dara is licensed to practice in state and federal courts in Florida, and has significant experience litigating matters in both forums. She has successfully represented numerous general contractors and others in the construction industry, and concentrates her efforts in each case on reaching an effective and efficient resolution for her client.

### Practice Areas

Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Complex Commercial Litigation  
Construction  
Suretyship

### Admitted to Practice

All Florida State Courts  
United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida  
United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida

### Education

University of Florida Levin College of Law, J.D., 2008, *cum laude*  
Journal of Law and Public Policy member

Villanova University, B.A., 2005, *cum laude*  
Villanova Scholarship recipient  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Medallion Award recipient



### Professional Involvement

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# Affiliations

American Bar Association  
Tort and Insurance Practice Section  
Fidelity and Surety Law Committee  
Litigation Section  
Forum on the Construction Industry

The Florida Bar  
Trial Lawyers Section

The Hillsborough County Bar Association  
Trial Lawyers Section  
Construction Law Section

## Publications & Speaking

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### Selected Publications

Author, "Still Cannot Escape Being an Unlicensed Contractor,"  
Hillsborough County Bar Association *Lawyer Magazine*, Vol. 23 No. 7,  
Summer 2013 Issue.



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Legal Elite



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