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### Overview

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Jeff Paskert is the President and a founding shareholder of Paskert Divers Thompson. He focuses his practice primarily on complex commercial litigation matters, including sophisticated construction and construction defect disputes, matters associated with general commercial and contract disputes, commercial surety and fidelity disputes, director and officer liability issues, and product defect issues. Mr. Paskert has handled jury and non-jury trials, arbitrations, and administrative proceedings, and has appeared before various administrative and governmental bodies. Mr. Paskert also is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator and also is a certified mediator for the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

[My Mediation Calendar](#)

### Professional Involvement

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### 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

## 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

## 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

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## 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 Doehr? 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, Asheville, 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.

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. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual East Region Construction Defect Conference, June 2010

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

## Community

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### 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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Legal Elite



U.S. News & World Report

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