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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.

### Practice Areas

- Complex Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law and Litigation
- Liability Insurance
- Suretyship & Fidelity
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Subrogation and Recovery

### Admitted to Practice

- All State Courts in Florida
- Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeal
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator

### Education

- University of Florida, Bachelor of Science Degree, High Honors
- University of Florida College of Law, J.D., High Honors, Order of the Coif



## 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.

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. 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 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

