



OVERVIEW

Gary Brown is a Partner in the firm's Fort Lauderdale office and is the Head of the firm's Construction Practice Group. Gary focuses his practice on complex commercial and general business litigation. He is Board Certified by The Florida Bar in Construction Law.

Overseeing the firm's construction practice, Gary assists businesses in both complex and routine matters with substantial experience in construction-related issues. He has tremendous experience handling construction matters in state and federal, trial and appellate courts, throughout Florida. He has conducted numerous trials and arbitrations to a successful conclusion for his clients. Gary is well versed in handling matters related to contract drafting and negotiation, dispute resolution, Florida's construction lien law, payment and performance bond claims, construction and design defect claims, delay, inefficiency and acceleration claims, and insurance/coverage disputes.

Gary also represents municipalities and local governments in all aspects of public work projects including procurement documents, bid protests, and construction and design agreements.

In 2015, Gary published the first edition of a book with the Daily Business Review (an ALM Media company) titled *Florida Construction Defect Litigation*. Now in its third year, the book addresses the legal framework surrounding construction defect claims including typical claims and defenses, professional standards of care, key contractual provisions, insurance and surety bond considerations, the role of experts, as well as successful mediation and arbitration of construction claims. He also frequently conducts seminars on the legal aspects of construction-related matters.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Successfully represented large institutional owners, municipalities, general contractors and major subcontractors in the prosecution and defense of multimillion-dollar wrongful termination, construction defect, design defect, and insurance coverage claims, as well as bid protests on multimillion-dollar public works projects.
- Successfully represented privately held companies in shareholder derivative suits over corporate restructuring and sale of company shares.
- Successfully represented a local title company in defense of multi-million dollar claims by a national institutional lender for an alleged loan-kiting scheme.

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, Florida Construction Defect Litigation 2018, Miami Daily Business Review, 2015

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Complex Commercial Litigation
- Construction Defect Litigation
- General Business Litigation

ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- United States District Court, Southern District of Florida
- United States District Court, Middle District of Florida
- United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

EDUCATION

- Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, J.D., 1995
- Nova Southeastern University, B.A., *with distinction*, 1991

- Managing The Risks of Emerging Technologies, *Law360*, July 9, 2018
 - United States: Florida's Construction Defect Statute Undergoes Significant Changes in 2015, *Mondaq*, March 16, 2016
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SEMINARS

- Panelist, Construction Defect Litigation – 101 Webinar, *Financial Poise*, June 2018
 - Surviving Construction Project Disasters – Navigating The Legal Waters, *Clear Law Institute*, May 2018
 - Construction Project Disasters: Deals Gone Bad CLE, *National Business Institute*, April 2018
 - The Impact of the Right Use of Experts in Construction & Design Defect Cases, 11th Annual Construction Law Institute, *Florida Bar Real Property, Probate and Trust Law*, March 2018
 - Construction Law: Ultimate Bootcamp Webinar, *Palm Beach County Bar Association*, June 2017
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AWARDS

- Selected for inclusion in *Florida Super Lawyers Magazine*, "Construction Litigation" Category, 2010 -present
 - Recognized as a Top Lawyer, *South Florida Legal Guide*, 2012 – present
 - Top Up & Comer, *South Florida Legal Guide*, 2011
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COMMUNITY

- Volunteer Judge, Moot Court Society, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law
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ASSOCIATIONS

- The American Institute of Architects (AIA)
- Governmental Affairs Committee, Construction Association of South Florida (CASF)
- Engineering Contractors Association (ECA)
- Construction Law Committee, Broward County Bar Association
- Construction Law Committee, The Florida Bar Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section
- Publications Subcommittee, The Florida Bar Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section
- Legislative Affairs Subcommittee, The Florida Bar Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section
- Chair, Jury Instructions Subcommittee, The Florida Bar Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section