

Robin H. Leavengood Joins Carlton Fields' Nationally Ranked Construction Practice

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Tampa, Fla. – Carlton Fields is pleased to announce that litigator Robin H. Leavengood has rejoined the firm's Construction practice. Leavengood will work from Carlton Fields' Tampa office, where she began her legal career.

"We are thrilled that Robin is returning to practice at Carlton Fields," said Tampa Office Managing Shareholder Luis Prats, who was recently named "Top Lawyer in Construction Litigation" by *Tampa Magazine*. "I have known Robin since she joined the firm as an associate in 2002, and she is an outstanding lawyer and person."

A full-service national law firm, Carlton Fields boasts approximately 70 percent litigators and its construction litigation practice earned a national first-tier ranking in the 2019 U.S. News and World Report and Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms" guide. The firm's construction practice also ranks No. 1 in Florida by *Chambers USA*, an accolade the firm has held for 16 consecutive years.

"Our construction practice attracts high-quality lawyers, and Robin is no exception," said Wm. Cary Wright, chair of Carlton Fields' Construction practice. "She expands our roster of experienced litigators, who are handling a steadily increasing volume of construction cases."

Leavengood advises construction clients in resolving complex construction disputes through mediation, litigation, arbitration, and appellate proceedings. Her clients include nationwide home builders, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, sureties, public and private owners, and condominium associations.

Her 15 plus-years of experience litigating in both state and federal court, at the trial and appellate level, includes matters involving construction lien and defect litigation, real property litigation, surety bond claims, products liability, insurance defense, contract disputes, non-compete agreements,

intellectual property, financial-regulatory compliance, and class actions.

She has also worked with national coordinating counsel and local Florida counsel for a national institutional pharmacy and an automobile service chain, managing voluminous portfolios of contract, products liability, personal injury, and collections litigation.

“Carlton Fields is where I found my passion for construction law, and it is wonderful to re-join such a collegial and accomplished group of attorneys,” Leavengood said.

She earned her J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Florida Levin College of Law and her B.A. in business administration from Furman University.

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