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Overview

Bruce King practices in the areas of commercial litigation and specializes in construction and surety cases. He has extensive experience representing owners, contractors, design professionals, insurers, and sureties on complex construction projects. Bruce is board certified in Construction Law by The Florida Bar, a former vice chair of the Fidelity and Surety Law Committee of the American Bar Association, and a former chair of the Miami-Dade County Construction Law Committee.

Bruce is regularly listed in *Chambers USA*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, *South Florida Legal Guide* Top Lawyers, and *Miami Magazine* Top Lawyers of Miami.

Experience

- Prosecuted contractors' claims for nonpayment and delay damages against project owners.
- Prosecuted subcontractors' claims for nonpayment against contractors and lien claims against project owners.
- Prosecuted contractors' claims against architects and engineers for design deficiencies.
- Prosecuted bid protests on behalf of contractors.
- Prosecuted owners' claim for defective work.
- Negotiated construction contracts between owners and contractors.
- Negotiated construction contracts between owners and architects.

- Prosecuted indemnity claims and claims for reimbursement on behalf of sureties.
- Defended contractors on subcontractor claims for nonpayment.
- Defended owners on claim of lien claims.
- Defended architects and engineers on claims of professional negligence.
- Defended sureties on performance bond claims.
- Defended sureties on payment bond claims.
- Appealed for contractors, subcontractors, owners, and sureties in construction case.

Areas of Focus

Practices

- Construction
- Litigation and Trials
- Mass Tort and Product Liability
- Construction Litigation
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Class Actions

Industries

- Construction
- Property & Casualty Insurance

Insights

05.10.2018

Proving and Defending Time Impact Claims

Managing and Litigating the Complex Surety Case

11.01.2016

Florida Construction Law

06.01.2015

The Surety's Relationship With the Principal's Subcontractors and Suppliers

05.01.2015

The Surety's Relationship with the Principal's Subcontractors and Suppliers

04.14.2012

The Law of Commercial Surety and Miscellaneous Bonds

01.04.2008

Commercial Surety Indemnity Issues

10.01.2005

Representation of Multiple Parties in the Construction Arena: Ethical Issues

01.19.2001

The Law of Miscellaneous and Commercial Surety Bonds

03.19.2000

The Surety's Right to Indemnity

10.12.1997

Takeover and Completion of Bonded Contracts by the Surety

08.12.1994

Indemnitors' Defenses and Counterclaims and Effect of Principal's Filing for Bankruptcy on the Surety's Right of Indemnification

News

05.21.2021

Carlton Fields Ranks Among Best in Chambers USA 2021 Guide

04.23.2020

Carlton Fields Ranks Among Best in Chambers USA 2020 Guide

05.03.2019

Carlton Fields Ranks Among Best in Chambers USA 2019 Guide

07.09.2018

Super Lawyers Honors 81 Carlton Fields Attorneys on 2018 Florida “Super Lawyers” and “Rising Stars”

05.04.2018

Carlton Fields Ranks Among Best in 2018 Chambers USA Guide

08.15.2017

78 Carlton Fields Attorneys Named “Best Lawyers in America”

06.23.2017

Florida Super Lawyers Ranks 92 Carlton Fields Attorneys as 2017 “Super Lawyers” and “Rising Stars”

06.08.2017

Carlton Fields Ranks Among Best in 2017 Chambers USA Guide

01.02.2017

Carlton Fields Attorneys Named to the 2017 “South Florida Legal Guide”

Recognition

- Board Certified in Construction Law by The Florida Bar
- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *The Best Lawyers in America*
 - Litigation – Construction (2005–2024)
 - Miami "Lawyer of the Year," Litigation – Construction (2016)
- Florida Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2006–2023)
- *Chambers USA* (2005–2018, 2021–2023)
- Top Lawyers, *South Florida Legal Guide* (2005–2006, 2008–2010, 2014–2018)
- Listed in *Miami Herald's South Florida Best* (2018)
- Listed in *Daily Business Review* (2018)
- Florida Legal Elite, *Florida Trend Magazine* (2007, 2009)

Professional & Community Involvement

- International Association of Defense Counsel
- American Arbitration Association
- American Bar Association
 - Section of Litigation
 - Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section
 - Former Vice Chair, Fidelity and Surety Law Committee
 - Forum on Construction Law
- The Florida Bar
- Dade County Bar Association
 - Former Chair, Construction Law Committee
- Leadership Miami
- Miami-Dade Beacon Council
- Adjunct Professor, University of Miami College of Engineering (2019–2021)

Speaking Engagements

- "Payment and Performance Bonds in Florida," The Florida Bar Construction Law Certification Course, Orlando, FL (March 2013–2019, annually)
- "Advanced Suretyship – Agreements Commonly Used by Sureties," Sixth Annual Construction Law in Florida Seminar, Miami, FL (October 2017, 2018)
- "Use of Bonds," Insurance in the Construction Industry Seminar, Miami, FL (May 2017, 2018)
- "Performance Bonds and Contractor Default Insurance," ABA Forum on Construction Law, Miami, FL (November 2017)
- "Managing Risk in Today's Construction Environment," Dade County Bar Association (April 2017)
- "Indemnity Agreements," Webinar for the National Association of Surety Bond Producers (November 2016)
- "Advanced Suretyship," Fifth Annual Construction Law in Florida Seminar, Miami, FL (October 2016)
- "Subcontractor Nuts and Bolts," Fidelity and Surety Law Committee of the ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, New York, NY (January 2016)
- "Payment and Performance Bonds," Fourth Annual Construction Law in Florida Seminar, Miami, FL (October 2015)
- "The Surety's Relationship With the Principal's Subcontractors and Suppliers," Fidelity and Surety Law Committee of the ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, La Jolla, CA (May 2015)

- "Lien and Bond Claims," Third Annual Construction Law in Florida Seminar, Miami, FL (October 2014).
- "We're in This Race Together: How Can We Help One Another (Claims and Underwriting)?" Fidelity and Surety Law Committee of the ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, Louisville, KY (May 2014)
- "Ethical Issues Commonly Presented to the Florida Construction Lawyer," Florida Construction Law Institute, Orlando, FL (March 2013)
- "Negotiating and Drafting Effective Indemnity Agreements," American Conference Institute's National Advanced Forum on Litigating Contract Surety Bond and Fidelity Insurance Claims, Philadelphia, PA (October 2012)
- "The Law of Commercial Surety and Miscellaneous Bonds," Fidelity and Surety Law Committee of the ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, Hilton Head, SC (May 2012)
- "The Surety's Exposure to Delay Damages," Fidelity and Surety Law Committee of the ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, New York, NY (January 2011)

Credentials

Education

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law (J.D., 1978)
- Allegheny College (B.A., cum laude, 1975)

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Industry Specialization

Certifications

- Construction Law

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida