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Overview

Katie Heckert, a Florida Board Certified Specialist in Construction Law, advises and represents construction clients in mediation, arbitration, and litigation proceedings.

She has experience resolving complex contract disputes, construction defect disputes, regulatory investigations, and lien and bond disputes. Her clients include nationwide homebuilders, general contractors, developers, public owners, large project owners, subcontractors, marine contractors, equipment lessors, condominium associations, steel fabricators, and heavy construction companies.

Katie is co-vice chair of the Insurance and Surety Committee of The Florida Bar's Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section (RPPTL), and Continuing Legal Education (CLE) co-chair for RPPTL's Construction Law Committee. Katie also chairs the Annual Half Day CLE Committee of the Construction Law Section for the Hillsborough County Bar Association.

Experience

- Represented national homebuilders and suppliers in defense of construction defect disputes related to defective stucco and mold claims; claims included breach of contract, business torts, fraud, and statutory violations in state and federal courts.
- Represented national homebuilder in defense of Chinese-manufactured gypsum drywall class actions.
- Represented subcontractor in the defense of an \$85 million defective construction and environmental claim on a phosphate reservoir project.
- Represented manufacturer in defense of \$65 million defective construction claim on a public transit project.
- Represented manufacturer in indemnity and breach of contract litigation against a subcontractor arising from a construction injury suffered by the subcontractor's employee in federal court.
- Lead arbitration counsel for national homebuilder in defense of construction

defect disputes.

- Represented nation's largest lessor and distributor of industrial and heavy cranes in various lien and bond disputes.

All Insights

02.12.2019	10 Carlton Fields Attorneys Elected to Shareholder
07.01.2018	Practical Considerations in Electronic Discovery
06.28.2018	Take-Two: Legislature Amends Florida's Construction Statute of Limitations And Repose Again in 2018
06.26.2018	Carlton Fields Construction Attorneys Author Article in The Florida Bar Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section's ActionLine Magazine on Florida's Construction SOL and SOR Amendments
04.20.2018	2018 Florida Legislature Amends Construction Statute of Limitations and Repose
11.01.2016	Florida Construction Law
08.15.2016	Construction Law Update
01.01.2014	Implied Warranties Extended to "Essential Services"
09.20.2012	Is Noticing A Crack Really "Notice"?
03.24.2011	An Update On Top-Down Discovery In Actions Alleging 'Institutional Bad Faith'

Recognition

- Board Certified by The Florida Bar in Construction Law
- Listed in *Florida Super Lawyers* as a "Rising Star" (2019)

Professional & Community Involvement

- The Florida Bar
- Member of Emerge Tampa Bay
- Tampa Connection, Class of 2014-2015

Speaking Engagements

- "Demand Letters That Work," National Association of Credit Management

(NACM), Florida Statewide Wholesale Building Materials Distribution Group (June 19, 2018).

- "Electronic Discovery Basics: Practical Considerations and Tips," Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association April CLE Luncheon (April 11, 2017).
- "Electronically Stored Information (ESI) Collection Processes and Procedures," Carlton Fields Firmwide CLE (August 17, 2015).
- "How to Use Technology and Social Media Effectively as Affiliate Leaders (CLE)," ABA Young Lawyers Division Spring Conference, Tampa, FL (May 15, 2015).
- "Everyday Discovery Challenges: The Practical Basics of Electronic Discovery," Carlton Fields Firmwide CLE (April 15, 2015).

Credentials

EDUCATION

- George Washington University Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 2010)
- University of Missouri–Columbia (MPA, 2007)
- University of Missouri–Columbia (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2005)

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Florida State Courts

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida

BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

- Construction

Background

- Intern, DV LEAP, Legal Clinic, Washington (August 2009-May 2010)

Areas of Focus

PRACTICES

- Construction Litigation
- Cybersecurity and Privacy
- Litigation and Trials

INDUSTRIES

- Construction