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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*. He is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

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.

All Insights

05.10.2018	Proving and Defending Time Impact Claims <i>Managing and Litigating the Complex Surety Case</i>
11.01.2016	Florida Construction Law
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

All News

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"

Recognition

- Board Certified in Construction Law by The Florida Bar
- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Florida Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2006–2020)
- *Chambers USA* (2005–2018)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Litigation – Construction (2005–2021); Construction, Miami (2016)
- 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

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
- Florida State Courts

Areas of Focus

PRACTICES

- Class Actions
- Construction Litigation
- Litigation and Trials
- Mass Tort and Product Liability
- Property & Casualty Insurance
- Public-Private Partnerships

INDUSTRIES

- Construction