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BRIAN A. WOLF is a partner in the Fort Lauderdale office of Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP. He is Board Certified in Construction Law by the Florida Bar and AV® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Brian's practice is concentrated in the defense and prosecution of complex construction and design claims involving both public and private projects. His practice includes all facets of construction law, including representation of contractors, design professionals, sureties, subcontractors, owners,

material suppliers and others, in State and Federal Court, arbitration and mediation. Brian regularly litigates claims on a wide variety of projects, including mixed-use high rise buildings, airports, road and bridge construction, commercial and municipal buildings, schools, parking garages, condominiums, hotels, broadcast antenna towers, restaurants, and vessels. Brian is experienced in the preparation and negotiation of public and private construction and design contracts. Additionally, he is knowledgeable in all aspects of Florida surety and construction lien laws.

Brian is a contributing editor of *Common Sense Construction Law* and the author of Florida Lienlaw Online, Construction Publications, Inc. Brian is a frequent lecturer on construction law and has presented for several organizations including The Florida Bar, and The Associated Builders and Contractors.

Brian is chairman of the Construction Law Committee of the Florida Bar, Real Property Section, and past chairman of the Construction Law Committee of the Broward County Bar Association. He is also chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Associated Builders & Contractors, Florida East Coast Chapter. Brian sits on the state Board of Directors of the Associated Builders and Contractors, Florida and the Board of Directors of the Associated Builders & Contractors Institute. He maintains active memberships in the Associated Builders and Contractors, Construction Association of South Florida, South Florida Associated General Contractors of America, Florida Prestressed Concrete Association, Engineering Contractors Association and Underground Contractors Association. During law school, he served as intern to Honorable Judge Elizabeth A. Kovachevich, United States District Court Middle District of Florida, and a teaching fellow at Stetson University College of Law, Trial Practice, Professor William Eleazar.

Articles & Publications

- "Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP's Common Sense Construction Law", John Wiley & Sons, Inc., Ch. 8 Ed., Brian A. Wolf, Subcontract Administration & Dispute Avoidance, Third Edition, February, 2005.

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Areas of Practice

- Construction Law
- Government Contracts
- Construction Bonding & Surety Law
- Construction Lien Law
- Commercial Litigation

Education

- University of Florida (B.S., Business Administration, 1990)
- Stetson University College of Law (J.D., Law Review)
- Stetson Law Review (1992 - 1993)

Bar and Court Admissions

- Florida, 1993
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida, 1995
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Florida, 2002
- United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 2008

Memberships

- Chairman, Construction Law Committee, Florida Bar Real Property Section
- Broward County Bar Association, Construction Law Section, 2005 - Present, Past Chairman
- Broward County Bar Association, Government Contracts Section, 2001 - Present, Member
- Associated Builders & Contractors, 2002 - Present, Member
- Florida Pre-stressed Concrete

- "Florida Lienlaw Online", Construction Publications, Inc., Brian A. Wolf, 2001, updated 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Representative Matters

- *Associated Builders & Contractors et al, v. Miami Dade County*, No. 08-21274-CIV (S.D.Fla. Jan 14, 2009)
- *SPS Corp. v. Kinder Builders*, 997 So. 2d 1232 (Fla. 3d DCA 2008)
- *Garrido v. Nat'l Union Fire Ins. Co. of Pittsburgh P.A.*, 891 So. 2d 1091 (Fla. 4th DCA 2004)
- *C Squared Construction, Inc. v. Consolidated Building Corp.*, 862 So. 2d 767 (Fla. 2d DCA 2004)
- *Dracon Construction, Inc. v. Facility Construction Management, Inc.*, 828 So. 2d 1069 (Fla. 4th DCA 2002)

Classes & Seminars Taught

- Contract Preparation and Negotiations, Florida Bar Advanced Construction Law & Certification Review Course, Orlando, FL. March 6, 2009.
- Killer Contract Clauses, Bateman, Gordon & Sands Seminar, Fort Lauderdale, FL. May 6, 2009.
- Problem Contract Clauses, Associated Builders & Contractors Florida State Convention, North Miami Beach, FL. July 24, 2009.
- Florida's Notice & Right to Cure, SC&H Annual Construction Law Update Seminar, Atlanta, GA. February 28 and 29, 2008.
- Evaluating and Handling the Case, Hot Topics in Construction Law, Florida Bar Construction Law Certification Review Course, Orlando, FL. March 8, 2008.
- 558 Notice and Right to Cure, Associated Builders & Contractors Lecture Series, Fort Lauderdale, FL. October 29, 2008.
- Florida Workers' Compensation: Filling in the Gaps, SC&H Annual Construction Law Update Seminar, Atlanta, GA. March 2, 2007.
- Defaults – Documenting the Right To Terminate, Dealing with the Surety, SC&H Construction Dispute & Claim Avoidance Seminar, Orlando, FL. August 22, 2007.
- Lien & Bond Claims, SC&H Construction Dispute & Claim Avoidance Seminar, Orlando, FL. August 22, 2007.
- Practical Construction Law for Florida Contractors, SC&H Construction Law Seminar, Hollywood, FL. August 23 and 24, 2007.
- Florida's Notice & Right to Cure, Bateman, Gordon & Sands, Inc. Seminar, Fort Lauderdale, FL. November 15, 2007.
- Recent Developments in Florida Construction Law, SC&H Annual Construction Law Update Seminar, Atlanta, GA. March 2 and 3, 2006.
- Recent Developments in Florida Construction Law, SC&H Annual Construction

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- Association, Inc., 2004 - Present, Member
- Florida Pre-stressed Concrete Association, Inc., Contracts Committee, 2005 - Present
- Engineering Contractor's Association, 2001 - Present, Member
- Underground Contractor's Association, Legislative Committee, 2001 - Present, Member
- Construction Association of South Florida, Member
- South Florida Associated General Contractors of America, Member

Professional Activities

- Associated Builders & Contractors Florida East Coast Chapter, Legislative Committee, Chairman
- Associated Builders & Contractors of Florida, State Board of Directors, 2005 - Present
- Associated Builders & Contractors Institute, Board of Directors, 2005 - Present
- Curriculum Advisory Committee, Construction Law, Everglades University
- The Florida Bar, Construction Law Committee, Florida Bar Real Property Section, Chairman

Noteworthy

- Awarded Daily Business Review's Most Effective Lawyer, Construction & Real Estate 2008
- Florida Construction SuperLawyer 2008 & 2009



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Law Update Seminar, Atlanta, GA. March 3 and 4, 2005.

- Alternative Methods of Project Delivery, Florida Construction Industry Licensing Board Seminar, Presented by SC&H, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. August 16 and 17, 2005.
- Construction Law Seminar: Risk Shifting Clauses in Construction Contracts, Presented for Batman Gordon and Sands, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, FL. January 29, 2004.
- Florida Mold Seminar: "Mold is Gold." Presented for the Associated Builders & Contractors, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. February 19, 2004.
- Recent Developments in Florida Construction Law, SC&H Annual Construction Law Update Seminar. Atlanta, GA. March 4 and 5, 2004.
- Practical Construction Law for Florida Contractors, SC&H Construction Law Seminar, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. August 19 and 20, 2004.
- Delay Damages, SC&H Annual Construction Law Update Seminar, Atlanta, GA. February 28, 2003.
- Recent Trends in Project Delivery Systems in Florida and New Methods for Allocating Risk, SC&H Annual Florida Construction Law Update Seminar, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. July 17, 2003.
- Construction Lien and Bond Claims, SC&H Annual Florida Construction Law Update Seminar, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. July 17, 2003.