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Associate

Y. LISA COLON HERON is an associate with Smith Currie & Hancock. Lisa is Board Certified in Construction Law by the Florida Bar. Lisa represents contractors, suppliers, owners, design professionals, construction managers and sureties in public and private real estate and construction disputes. Lisa has experience in a wide range of construction disputes ranging from lien law, contract disputes, government contracting, bid protests and mistakes,

Miller Act bonds, surety, condominium construction, licensing and arbitration. Lisa is deeply immersed in matters relating to small and disadvantaged business enterprises. She is a former fellow with the American Bar Association, Forum on Construction Industry. She has lectured on a variety of real estate and construction industry topics including construction contracts, construction insurance issues, construction lien law, public bidding, small business certifications and ethics.

Lisa received her B.A. degree from the University of Miami and her J.D., *cum laude*, from the University Of Miami School Of Law. Lisa served as an Article and Comments editor on the International and Comparative Law Review. In 1997 she interned with the Late Honorable C. Clyde Atkins, United States District Court, Southern District of Florida. While in law school she spent two summers at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados and interned with Chancery Chambers, Barbados in 1998. She is the president of the South Florida Chapter of National Association of Minority Contractors. Lisa is also a board member of the National Association of Minority Contractors and sits on the executive committee.

Articles & Publications

- "A Construction Lawyer's Top 10 Additional - Insured Considerations", *The Construction Lawyer*, Volume 30, No. 4, Fall 2010
- "Federal Government Contracting - Getting a Piece of the pie", *Proyecto Magazine*, May 2010

Classes & Seminars Taught

- Florida Aeronautical and Mechanical University - Florida Department of Transportation Bond Program, 2011.
- American Precast Association, Public Bidding and Bid Protest, March 2011.
- Turner School of Construction Management Ethics, June 2010.
- Bateman, Gordon & Sands, Inc. Seminar, Key Construction Contract Clauses, April 2009
- Turner School of Construction Management, Presentation on Key Subcontracting

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Areas of Practice

- Construction Law
- Government Contracts
- Lien Law
- Real Estate Litigation
- Construction Bonding & Surety

Education

- University of Miami (B.A., History and Political Science)
- University of Miami School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)
- International & Comparative Law Review (ACE, 1997-1998)
- Society of the Bar & Gavel
- Florida Bar Foundation Scholarship Recipient (1999)

Bar and Court Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit

Memberships

- American Bar Association, Forum on Construction Industry, Fellow 2007-2009
- American Bar Association, Forum on Construction Industry, Division 7 Steering Committee (Insurance, Steering, Surety and Liens)
- National Association of Minority Contractors, Southeast Florida



Clauses, May 2009 (awarded Best Community Presenter)

- Palm Beach County School District, Minority, Women and Small Business Enterprises Workshop, Key Subcontract Clauses, June 2009
- Palm Beach Partners, Sustaining Your Business in The Down Economy, July 2009
- National Association of Minority Contractors, Southeast Florida Chapter, Midwinter Retreat, Workshop, February 2009.
- C.A.M.P., Community Association Management Professionals, Recent Developments in Construction Law, 2008.

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Chapter, President, 2010-2012;
Board Member, 2010-2012.

- National Association of Women in Construction
- National Association of Black Women in Construction
- Associated General Contractors of America, Member
- Construction Association of South Florida, Member
- The Florida Bar, Real Property Probate & Trust Law Section, Member
- Latin Builders Association (Membership Committee)

Professional Activities

- Caribbean Bar Association
- Miami-Dade County Bar Association
- Broward County Bar Association

Noteworthy

- Board Certified in Construction Law by The Florida Bar.