



## S. Elysha Luken

Partner

**S. ELYSHA LUKEN** is a partner in the Tallahassee office of Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP. Elysha represents contractors, suppliers, owners, and sureties in public and private construction disputes, contract drafting and negotiations, bid protests, licensure, lien and bond claims, and other legal matters related to the business of construction and contracting. Elysha has appeared in state and federal courts, arbitration and administrative proceedings, and provides representation in both

trials and appeals. Elysha lectures on AIA contracts and legal aspects of construction scheduling, writes on construction industry topics, and currently serves on The Florida Bar Journal/News Editorial Board.

Elysha received her B.A. degree from the University of Florida, and her J.D. degree, *magna cum laude*, from Florida State University. Elysha served as Legislative Editor and Editorial Board member for the Florida State University Law Review and received several book awards. In law school Elysha worked in the Florida Senate and the Public Defender's Office, clerked for the Second Judicial Circuit Court. Prior to joining Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP, Elysha worked as a Staff Attorney at the Florida Supreme Court.

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### Articles & Publications

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- *Concerning Claim of Lien in Florida, Dixie Contractor* (2005)

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### Representative Matters

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- *Garrido v. Nat'l Union Fire Ins. Co. of Pittsburgh*, 891 So.2d 1091 ( Fla. 4th DCA 2004)
- *AMEC Civil, LLC v. State Dept. of Transp.*, 878 So.2d 468 ( Fla. 1st DCA 2004)
- *C Squared Const., Inc. v. Consolidated Bldg. Corp.*, 862 So.2d 767 ( Fla. 3d DCA 2003)
- *PDM Bridge Corp. v. JC Industrial Mfg.*, 851 So.2d 289 ( Fla. 3d DCA 2003)
- *Hess v. Hess*, 758 So.2d 1203 ( Fla. 4th DCA 2000)

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### Classes & Seminars Taught

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- AIA Contracts, 2005-2006
- Legal Aspects of Construction Scheduling, 2006
- Basics of Legal Research, 2001-2003

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### Areas of Practice

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- Construction Law
- Government Contracts
- Administrative and Appellate Law

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### Education

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- University of Florida (B.A., English)
- Florida State University College of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, Book Awards, Law Review)
- Book Awards: Business Associations, Employment Law, Children's Advocacy Center
- Florida State University Law Review, Member (1997 - 1999), Legislative Editor (1998 - 1999)

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### Bar and Court Admissions

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- Florida, 1999
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Florida, 2001
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida, 2003
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida, 2003

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### Memberships

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- The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section
- The Florida Bar Trial Lawyers Section
- The Florida Bar Journal/News Editorial Board
- American Bar Association, Construction Forum



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### **Other Experience**

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- Florida Supreme Court, Staff Attorney, 1999 - 2001
- Legal Extern, Florida Second Judicial Circuit Public Defender's Office, 1998-1999
- Law Clerk, Florida Second Judicial Circuit Court, 1998
- Intern, Florida Senate Agriculture Committee, 1997-1998