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Associate Attorney

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## Experience

Tray Batcher joined Trent Cotney, P.A. in 2012 and represents clients in all aspects of construction law, including lien law, bond law, construction defect litigation, OSHA defense and licensing. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Tray worked in the construction industry as an estimator for a concrete and masonry contracting company. While employed as an estimator, his duties included project cost estimation, contract negotiation, coordination of projects and materials purchasing, and project closeout, as well as the general duties of running the office of a construction business.

## Work History

- Trent Cotney, P.A., Tampa, Florida, September 2012 to present, Law Clerk and Associate Attorney
- Island Epic, Inc., (Concrete and Masonry Contractor) Marco Island, Florida, April 2005 to December 2009, Estimator and Project Coordinator

## Education

- Stetson University, J.D. (2013)
- Florida Gulf Coast University, B.A. (summa cum laude, 2011)

## Areas of Practice

- Construction
- Litigation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- OSHA
- Licensing
- Procurement/Bid Protests
- Contract Review and Drafting
- DOT

## Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

## Professional Associations & Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Associated Builders & Contractors (Past Member)
- Collier Building Industry Association (Past Member)
- Florida Roofing, Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors Association
- National Roofing Contractors Association
- Pinellas County Contractors Association
- The Florida Bar
- West Coast Roofing Contractor's Association

#### Certifications

- World of Concrete Industry Training: CSDA Estimating

#### Publications

- "The Danger of Unlicensed Contracting in Florida," Roofing Florida Magazine, March 2013
- "Partial and Final Waivers and Releases of Lien," Roofing Florida Magazine, April 2013