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CONSTRUCTION LAW GROUP

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As a Board Certified Construction Lawyer, Trent focuses his practice on all aspects of construction litigation and arbitration, including OSHA defense, lien law, bond law, and bid protests, as well as construction document review and drafting. He routinely represents general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, manufacturers, architects, engineers, developers, owners, and others in the construction industry in a variety of matters. As a State Accredited Contractor Continuing Education Provider, Trent has conducted seminars on such topics as construction contract provisions, licensing, and lien law. He has argued on behalf of contractors before the Construction Industry Licensing Board. In addition, Trent is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Court Mediator and Qualified Court-Appointed Arbitrator specializing in disputes involving construction law issues.

Education

Vanderbilt University, J.D. (Dean's List, Best Brief Award), 1999
Vanderbilt University, B.S., *summa cum laude*, high honors (Phi Beta Kappa, Dean's List, top 1%), 1996

Work Experience

Trent Cotney, P.A., Tampa, FL, January 2012 to present, President.
Glenn Rasmussen Fogarty & Hooker, P.A., Tampa, FL, January 2006 to January 2012, construction law shareholder and hiring partner.
Glenn Rasmussen Fogarty & Hooker, P.A., Tampa, FL, April 2000 to December 2005, construction law associate.
Ruden, McCloskey, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A., Tampa, FL, September 1999 to February 2000, commercial litigation associate.
Ruden, McCloskey, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A., Ft. Lauderdale, FL, May 1997 to August 1997, June 1998 to August 1998, construction law summer associate.

Professional Recognition

Best Lawyers in America -- Construction Litigation 2013, 2014; Corporate INTL Magazine "Construction Law Firm of the Year in Florida," 2010 (GRFH), 2013; U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers®, Best Law Firms Construction Law 2010 (GRFH), 2014; AV Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory; FRSA Earl Blank "Heart" Award; Byron Curry Award 2009, West Coast Roofing Contractors' Association; Florida Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, Construction Litigation (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012); Florida Trend Magazine's Legal Elite, Up & Coming Construction (2007,

2008, 2009); Florida Trend Magazine's Legal Elite, Construction Law (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014); President's Award 2008, Florida Roofing, Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors Association; 40 Under 40, Gulf Coast Business Review, 2007; Tampa Bay Magazine's Tampa Bay's Top Lawyers 2010, 2013, 2014; Business Leaders Magazine, Top 50 Entrepreneurs 2012; Tampa Bay Business Journal, Up & Comers, 2010; Best Attorney's Network, Construction Law; American Registry, America's Most Honored Professionals 2011, 2014; International Who's Who of Construction Lawyers 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015; International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2013, 2014, 2015; Who's Who Legal 2016 - Compendium Edition; Tampa's Top Rated Lawyers 2012, 2013, 2014; Chambers & Partners USA, Listed in Construction Law 2013, 2014; Lawyers World, Annual Award 2013; AVVO 10 out of 10, Superb Rating; ICFM Global Awards Winner, 2014; Acquisition International Magazine Construction Sector Focused Law Firm of the Year 2014; Top Lawyers in Florida, The Legal Network 2014; Florida Super Lawyers, Construction Litigation (2013, 2014); ICFM Leading Lawyer 500 Award Winner 2013; LegalComprehensive.com Law Awards 2014; Lawyers World Global Awards 2014; Top Attorneys in Florida 2014 (Miami Herald, Tampa Bay Magazine & Orlando Life); NRCA Gold Circle Award for Service to the Roofing Industry, 2014; ICFM Top 250 Leading Firms 2014; Acquisition International Magazine "Construction Law Firm of the Year -- Florida" 2013; InterContinental Finance Magazine 2013 Global Award; Lawyer Monthly "Construction Law Firm of the Year -- USA" 2013; 2014 DealMakers Country Award; A.I.M.'s 2014 Business Excellence Award; Acquisition International Magazine "Ones to Watch in 2014 -- The Most Influential Practice in Construction Law."

Certifications

Board Certified by The Florida Bar in Construction Law
Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Court Mediator
Florida Supreme Court Certified Appellate Mediator

American Arbitration Association Construction Mediator
Qualified Florida Court-Appointed Arbitrator

Department of Business & Professional Regulation Condominium Certified Mediator

Admissions

Florida
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces

Reported Decisions

City of Oldsmar v. State, 790 So.2d 1042 (Fla. 2001).

Seminars

As a State Accredited Contractor Continuing Education Provider, he speaks on such topics as lien law, construction contracts, construction mediation, licensing regulations, and design defects. Trent lectures across Florida on construction law topics and has given more than 100 seminars for 20 different construction groups, associations and attorneys.

Publications

Trent has published more than 100 articles in 15 different publications on such topics as construction mediation, arbitration, negligent design, delay damages, and defective workmanship and is a regular columnist for FRSA and WCRCA trade publications.

Selected Professional and Civic Activities

Associated Builders & Contractors (Member)

DBPR Contractor Continuing Education Lecturer

The Florida Bar - Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section

Florida Roofing, Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors Association

(Director, Public Relations Board Committee Chairman, General Counsel, Education & Research Foundation Member)

Florida Transportation Builders' Association (Past Member)

Hillsborough County Bar Association - Construction Law Section

Humane Society of Tampa Bay (Past Member - Board of Directors)

National Roofing Contractors Association (Member)

National Utility Contractors Association (Past Member)

Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors Association (Past Member)

Pinellas County Contractors Association (Member)

Underground Utility Contractors of Florida (Past Member)

University of Tampa Board of Counselors (Past Board Member)

West Coast Roofing Contractors' Association (Director)

Central Florida Roofing Contractors Association

Roofing Contractors of South Florida Association

Palm Beach County Contractors Association

Vanderbilt University Undergraduate and School of Law, Initial Admissions Interviewer, Founder of Oak Leaf Society