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Overview

Rob Graham joined Paskert Divers Thompson in 2016 and practices in the area of complex commercial litigation, with concentrations in business disputes, construction, and suretyship law. Rob has represented business and property owners, developers, contractors, architects, surveyors, and sureties in a wide range of disputes involving contract claims and business torts, surety and construction defect matters, professional negligence claims, and director and officer liability claims. Rob has been recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Construction Law and Commercial Litigation, and by *Florida SuperLawyers®* as a *Rising Star* in Civil Litigation - Defense.

Prior to joining the firm, Rob worked as an Assistant State Attorney in the State Attorney's Office in Jacksonville, Florida. There, Rob served in the felony division and prosecuted hundreds of cases, gaining significant litigation experience.

In his spare time, Rob enjoys spending time with his wife, Ellen, son, Tripp, and daughter, Molly, and watching South Carolina football.

Professional Involvement

Professional, Trade, and Philanthropic Affiliations

Hillsborough County Bar Foundation, Board of Trustees

American Bar Association

Forum on the Construction Industry
Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section
Fidelity and Surety Law Committee
Litigation Section

The Florida Bar

Trial Lawyers Section
Young Lawyers Section



Publications & Speaking

Selected Publications

Co-Author, "Pitfalls in Dealing with the Performance Bond Surety Upon Default of the Contractor," The Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar, Construction Law Institute Conference, March, 2023 (Orlando, FL).

Co-Author of Florida Chapter for Electronic Payment Bond Deskbook, American Bar Association, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (2023).

Co-Author, Chapter 3 "Overview of Bankruptcy Code," in Surety Law Aspects of Bankruptcy Practice, American Bar Association, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (2021).

Co-Author, "Read the Bond: Section 6 as a Condition Precedent," ABA TIPS FSLC Committee Newsletter (Fall 2021).

Co-Author, "Notice and Claim Requirements under the American Institute of Architects' A-201 General Conditions," Gulfcoast Fidelity and Surety Institute, June, 2016 (Boca Grande, FL).

Co-Author, "Fidelity Law and the 2015 Amendments to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure," Fidelity Law Journal, 22 Fidelity L. J. 223 (2016).

Selected Speaking Engagements

Co-Speaker, "Suretyship Defenses in Contract and Commercial Surety," 2024 TIPS FSLC Spring Conference, American Bar Association (La Jolla, CA).

Co-Speaker, "Prejudgment Writ of Garnishment as Threat to Surety's Collateral," 2023 National Bond Claims Association Conference (Austin, TX).

Co-Speaker, "Too Much, Too Little, Too Late: Tier and Notice Requirements," 2023 TIPS FSLC Spring Conference, American Bar Association (Incline Village, NV).



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