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Overview

Ty is a board certified construction specialist with over twenty years of experience in matters primarily devoted to complex commercial litigation and transactional matters. He has been recognized as a "Best Lawyer in America," "Florida Super Lawyer," "Florida Trend Legal Elite," and is rated AV-Preeminent, Martindale Hubbell's highest rating for ethics and the ability to practice law.

Ty graduated with a degree in building construction from the University of Florida's M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management. Before enrolling in law school, Ty worked for a national construction company, where he served as a project coordinator and participated in the overall management of multi-million dollar construction projects throughout the country. As a result, he has considerable technical knowledge that is helpful in his construction litigation practice.

Ty is a current member of the Florida Supreme Court Business and Contracts Jury Instruction Committee.

In his spare time, Ty enjoys watching Gator athletics and spending time with his wife, Tara, and his boys, Gray and Camp, and daughter, Ryan.

Professional Involvement



Professional, Trade, and Philanthropic Affiliations

American Bar Association

Tort and Insurance Practice Section

Task Force on Outreach to Young Lawyers
TIPS Now! Fellow Task Force on Outreach to Young
Lawyers (2014)

Fidelity and Surety Law Committee

Vice-Chair
Co-Chair, Young Professionals Subcommittee (2011-
2013)
Co-Chair, Young Professionals Technology
Subcommittee (2010)

Construction Lawyers Society of America

Member, Trial Law Institute

Tampa Yacht and County Club (2020-2024)

Board Member

The Florida Bar

Real Estate, Property, Trust and Litigation Section
Construction Law Committee
Chair of the Surety & Insurance Subcommittee (2011-
2014)

Trial Lawyers Section

The Hillsborough County Bar Association

Trial Lawyers Section
Construction Law Section

Gulfcoast Fidelity and Surety Institute

Program Chair (multiple years)
Conference Chair (multiple years)

Florida Surety Claims Association

Stetson Lawyers Association

University of Florida Alumni Association

Selected Honors & Recognitions

Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business - Construction

Best Lawyers in America: Construction Law (2018-2025)

American Lawyer Media and Martindale Hubbell 2015 Top Rated
Litigator

Florida Trend's "Florida Legal Elite – Up & Comer" (2007, 2013)

Florida Trend's "Florida Legal Elite" (2016, 2017, 2020, 2021, 2022)

Law & Politics – SuperLawyers "Rising Star" (2010-2012)

Law & Politics – SuperLawyers (2013-2025)

Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent Rated

Fellow of Construction Lawyers Society of America

AVVO Superb Rated

Publications & Speaking

Selected Publications

Author, "Bonded by Law: Navigating the Legislative Maze for Sureties in Federal Construction," Fidelity and Surety Law Committee's Mid-Winter Meeting, January, 2025 (Austin, TX).

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).

Author, "Navigating Subcontractor and Supplier Issues in the Completion Context," Fidelity and Surety Law Committee's Spring Meeting, May, 2019 (Austin, TX).

Author, "Dispute Resolution Options in Takeover Agreement and Completion Contract," Fidelity and Surety Law Committee's Spring Meeting, May, 2015 (Palm Springs, CA).

Co-Author, "Insurer & Surety Insolvency and its Effect on Claims," The Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar, Construction Law Institute Conference, March, 2015 (Orlando, FL).

Co-Author, "Ethical and Other Considerations When Settling or Pursuing Your Principal's Claims," Fidelity and Surety Law Committee's Spring Meeting, May, 2014 (Louisville, KY).

Author, Chapter 11, "Florida," in *The Surety Underwriter's Desk Book*, 2013 and 2014 Eds.

"Should I Take The Bait? The Risks and Ethical Concerns of Entering Into Joint Defense Agreements with Your Principal," Gulfcoast Fidelity and Surety Institute, May, 2013.

"Serving Two Masters: The Ethics of Joint Representation of Bond Sureties and Principals," Gulfcoast Fidelity and Surety Institute, June, 2012.

"The Rising Clamor of Successor Obligees: Contenders or Pretenders?" Gulfcoast Fidelity and Surety Institute, June, 2011.

"Including Amounts Not Due Under Contract In Claim Of Lien May Render Lien Fraudulent And Unenforceable," *Insights*, Winter, 2005.

"Material Distinction Between Warranty Obligation and Indemnity Obligation?" in *Insights*, Summer, 2003.

Selected Speaking Engagements

Panel Chair, "Bonded by Law: Navigating the Legislative Maze for Sureties in Federal Construction," Fidelity and Surety Law Committee's Mid-Winter Meeting, January, 2025 (Austin, TX).

Diverting from the Norm; Louisiana's Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion Project, The Use of the Construction Manager At Risk Delivery Method and Potential Risks to the Surety," Fidelity and Surety Law Committee's Mid-Winter Meeting, January, 2024 (New Orleans, LA).

"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).

"The Not So Obvious Risk Shifting Provisions in Construction Contracts and their Impacts on the Performance Bond Surety," Fidelity and Surety Law Committee's Mid-Winter Meeting, January, 2023 (Washington, DC).

Navigating Subcontractor and Supplier Issues in the Completion Context," Fidelity and Surety Law Committee's Spring Meeting, May, 2019 (Austin, TX).

"Is it Safe to Swim Asks the Pass Crab: Florida's Chapter 558 Notice and Opportunity to Cure Act and Its Impact on the Surety," Gulfcoast Fidelity and Surety Institute, June, 2018 (Boca Grande, FL).

"The Surety's Indemnity Agreement: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly," Hillsborough County Bar Association, Construction Law Committee,

"Ethical and Other Considerations When Settling Your Principal's Claims," Florida Bar Insurance and Surety Committee, December, 2015 (webinar).

"Insurer & Surety Insolvency and its Effect on Claims," The Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar, Construction Law Institute Conference, March, 2015 (Orlando, FL).

"Ethical and Other Considerations When Settling or Pursuing Your Principal's Claims," Fidelity and Surety Law Committee's Spring Meeting, May, 2014 (Louisville, KY).

"The Ethics of Serving Sureties and Their Principals & The Risks & Ethical Concerns of Entering Into Joint Defense Agreements," Zurich's CE-CLE Extravaganza, July, 2013 (webinar).

"Should I Take The Bait? The Risks and Ethical Concerns of Entering Into Joint Defense Agreements with Your Principal," Gulfcoast Fidelity and Surety Institute, May, 2013 (Boca Grande, FL).

"Serving Two Masters: The Ethics of Joint Representation of Bond Sureties and Principals," Gulfcoast Fidelity and Surety Institute, June, 2012 (Boca Grande, FL).

"Serving Two Masters: The Ethics of Joint Representation of Bond Sureties and Principals," Florida Bar Insurance and Surety Committee, June, 2012 (webinar).

"A Surety's Liability to Non-Obligees: Case Law Update," Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, April, 2012 (Philadelphia, PA).

"The Rising Clamor of Successor Obligees: Contenders or Pretenders?" Hillsborough County Bar Association, Construction Law Committee, April, 2012 (Tampa, FL).

"Serving Two Masters: The Ethics of Joint Representation of Bond Sureties and Principals," The Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar, Construction Law Institute Conference, March, 2012 (Orlando, FL).

"The Rising Clamor of Successor Obligees: Contenders or Pretenders?" Gulfcoast Fidelity and Surety Institute, June, 2011 (Boca Grande, FL).

"Fundamentals for a Lifelong Partnership: The Lifecycle Approach to Infrastructure Delivery," Fidelity and Surety Law Committee's Mid-Winter Meeting, January, 2009 (New York, NY).

"Construction Delay Claims: A Surety and its Principal's Perspective," Lorman Education Centers, April, 2006 (Tampa, FL).

Claims and Defenses Involving the Surety," Hillsborough County Bar Association, Construction Law Committee, October, 2004 (Tampa, FL).

"Critical Contract Clauses in Public Construction Contracts," Construction Management Association of America, June 2004.

