



Douglas W. Ackerman

Partner

Douglas handles a multitude of issues involving land use, construction, and commercial litigation. In the land use context, he works on rezonings, permitting, variances, special exceptions, alleged wetlands violations, comprehensive plan amendments, restrictive covenants, easements, and Code enforcement proceedings. He also participated as amicus curiae in the landmark case of Pinecrest Lakes, Inc. v. Shidel where, for the first time in Florida history, a court ordered the tearing down of an apartment complex for noncompliance with the comprehensive plan.

In the construction context, Douglas does virtually everything. He has represented every player involved in any construction project including developers, public owners, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, architects, engineers and surveyors. He negotiates, litigates and arbitrates every type of dispute that can arise in a construction project.

In the commercial context, Douglas drafts and litigates operating agreements, non-compete agreements, shareholder and partnership disputes, commercial mortgage foreclosures, residential mortgage foreclosures, landlord-tenant disputes, banking disputes, and other myriad issues.

Finally, when the trial is over, Douglas isn't. As head of the firm's appellate department, he has been responsible for over 35 appeals, from motion practice, to preparation of briefs, to

oral argument before panel judges, to post-judgment claims for attorneys' fees and costs.

Representative Experience

- In 2013 obtained 2.4 million dollar jury verdict in construction site wrongful death case
- Reported Appellate Decisions: Southern Atlantic Companies, LLC v. School Board of Orange County, 699 Fed. Appx. 842 (11th 2017); R.L Haines Construction, LLC v. Santamaria, 161 So.3d 528 (Fla. 5th DCA 2014); McGuire v. Peabody Hotel Group, 99 So.3d 984 (Fla. 1st DCA 2012); Paul Jacquin & Sons, Inc. v. City of Port St. Lucie, 69 So.3d 306 (Fla. 4th DCA 2011); The Marseilles Condominium Owners Association, Inc. v. Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, 2009 WL 3491016 (Fla. 1st DCA 2009); Langley v. Knowles, 958 So.2d 1149 (Fla. 5th DCA 2007); Kany v. Florida Engineers Management Corp., 948 So.2d 948 (Fla. 5th DCA 2007); Pinecrest Lakes, Inc. v. Shidel, 795 So.2d 191 (Fla. 4th DCA 2001); Citrus County v. Florida Rock Industries, Inc., 726 So.2d 383 (Fla. 5th DCA 1999).

Professional Experience

Honors & Accolades

- Super Lawyers 2008—2013; 2015—2020
- Board Certified in Construction Law by Florida Bar since 2005

Practice Areas

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Construction Contract Drafting, Procurement & Project Delivery

- Construction Defect Claims
- Construction Delay, Disruption & Acceleration Claims
- Construction Insurance Coverage Disputes
- Construction Lien Preparation & Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Construction Regulation & Licensing Compliance
- Payment & Performance Bond Claims