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PRACTICE AREAS

Construction
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INDUSTRIES

Construction

Amanda B. Buffinton is a partner in the Tampa office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where she is a member of the Construction Litigation Practice Group.

A Martindale Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated attorney, Amanda is also Board Certified in Construction Law by The Florida Bar. Amanda specializes in the litigation and arbitration of complex claims related to professional negligence and design errors and omissions. She also regularly represents design professionals, contractors, owners and developers in various types of construction disputes including claims related to landfills owned by electric generation facilities, storm water systems, retail structures, roadways and bridges, hospitals, municipal wastewater treatment facilities, warehouse structures, large condominium and multi-family structures, and sinkhole remediation design. She has also successfully represented clients in construction claims involving personal injury and death, federal investigations relating to the False Claims Act, delay and acceleration damages, bond and lien issues, professional licensure, building code violations and ADA violations. Amanda has extensive federal court experience and has litigated a multitude of construction and commercial claims in the Northern, Middle and Southern District Courts of Florida including the successful defense of a large class action suit against an international testing company.

Amanda is a member of the Construction Law Committee of the Real Property Probate & Trust Law Division of The Florida Bar. She regularly writes and speaks on construction issues and has also published articles related to women in the legal profession. She has frequently been named as a Legal Elite and Up & Comer in *Florida Trend* magazine as well as a Super Lawyer and Rising Star in Florida *Super Lawyers* magazine since 2009, including being named in the Top 50 in the 2016 Tampa Bay *Super Lawyers* edition. Amanda is originally from Louisville, Kentucky and was raised in both Louisville and St. Petersburg, Florida.

EDUCATION

- Stetson University, J.D., *cum laude*, 2002
 - Moot Court Team
- Stetson University, MBA, 2002
- Bellarmine University, B.A., *summa cum laude with highest honors*, 1999

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Florida Bar Association, Real Property Probate & Trust Law Division
 - Construction Law Committee, 2009 – 2016
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
 - Co-Chair of Diversity Committee, 2013-2015
- The Federal Bar Association, Tampa Bay Chapter
 - Board Member, 2014-2015
- American Bar Association
 - Construction Law Forum
- Tampa Connection Class of 2008
- The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Tampa Class of 2011

RECOGNITION

- Florida Bar Board Certified in Construction Law
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Top 50: 2016 Tampa Bay Super Lawyers
- *Florida Super Lawyers Magazine*, Super Lawyer, 2016-2019; Rising Star, 2009-2015
- *Florida Trend*, Florida Legal Elite, 2012, 2014-2016, 2018, 2019
- *American Lawyer Media* and *Martindale Hubbell*, Top Rated Lawyers, Commercial Litigation, 2013

PUBLICATIONS

- “Women in the Legal Profession: Taking Advantage of Our Differences,” *The 101 Practice Series: Breaking Down the Basics*, American Bar Association, 2008
- Contributing Author, *State-by-State Guide to Design and Construction Contracts and Claims*, Aspen Publishers, Michael Dodd and J. Duncan Findley, 2009-2012
- Co-author, “Retention and Promotion of Female Attorneys – What Can We Do Better?,” *Lawyer* magazine, May 2014

PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist and Co-Author, “Ethical Considerations in a Complicated Defense,” 3rd Annual Insurance in the Construction Industry Seminar, The Seminar Group, August 14, 2019
- Panelist and Co-Author, “Use of Experts to Testify on Building Code Violations, and Proposed Jury Instructions,” The Florida Bar Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, Construction Law Institute, March 9, 2019
- Speaker, “Use of Experts by Design Professionals,” The Real Property Probate and Trust Law Division of the Florida Bar, CLE – Expert Witnesses in Construction Cases, November 20, 2017

- Speaker, “Errors and Omissions: Panel Discussion of Defending and Asserting Claims Against Architects and Engineers,” Hillsborough County Bar Association, Construction Law Section, November 17, 2016
- Speaker, “Avoiding Legal Liability for the Design Professional,” AIA Women in Architecture, May 14, 2010 and June 3, 2011
- Speaker regarding professional liability issues for engineers, Florida Structural Engineers Association, September 14, 2010
- Speaker regarding professional liability issues for interior designers, International Academy of Design and Technology, July 27, 2011
- Speaker regarding design professional liability issues for “Practical Issues in Construction Litigation,” Hillsborough County Bar Association, Construction Law Section, February 28, 2012
- Speaker at “Leadership in Engineering” undergraduate course, University of South Florida, 2014
- Panelist, “Staying in the Game – Women, Leadership and the Law,” Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, January 29, 2015
- Panelist, “Empowering One Another,” Florida Diversity Council’s Tampa Bay Women in Leadership Symposium, March 27, 2015