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Bruce King practices in the areas of commercial litigation and appeals and specializes in construction and surety cases. He has extensive experience representing contractors, design professionals, insurers, and sureties on complex construction projects. Mr. King is board certified in Construction Law by The Florida Bar, a vice chair of the Fidelity and Surety Law Committee of the ABA, and a former chair of the Miami-Dade County Construction Law Committee.

Mr. King is regularly listed in Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers, The Best Lawyers in America, Florida Super Lawyers. He is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Representative Experience

- Prosecution of contractors' claims for non-payment and delay damages against project owners
- Prosecution of subcontractors' claims for non-payment against contractors and lien claims against project owners
- Prosecution of contractors' claims against architects and engineers for design deficiencies
- Prosecution of bid protests on behalf of contractors
- Prosecution of owners' claim for defective work
- Negotiation of construction contracts between owners and contractors
- Negotiation of construction contracts between owners and architects
- Prosecution of indemnity claims and claims for reimbursement on behalf of sureties

education

University of Pittsburgh
School of Law (J.D., 1978)

Allegheny College (B.A.,
1975), *cum laude*

related practices

[Construction](#)

[Construction Litigation](#)

[Mold Management and
Litigation](#)

[National Trial Practice](#)

[Public-Private Partnerships](#)

related industries

[Construction](#)

[Insurance](#)

[Property and Casualty
Insurance](#)

bar admissions

Florida

Pennsylvania

court admissions

Florida State Courts

U.S. District Court, Middle
District of Florida

U.S. District Court,
Southern District of Florida

U.S. Court of Appeals,
Eleventh Circuit

- Defense of sureties on performance bond claims
- Defense of sureties on payment bond claims
- Appeals for contractors, subcontractors, owners and sureties in construction cases

Reported Decisions:

- *In re PSN USA, Inc.*, 2010 WL 1169752 (Bnkr. S.D. Fla 2010).
- *Mitchell Bros., Inc. v. Westfield Ins. Co.*, 24 So. 3d 1269 (Fla. 1st DCA 2009).
- *J.C. Gibson Plastering Co., Inc. v. XL Specialty Ins. Co.*, 2009 WL 2710316 (M.D. Fla. 2009); 2008 WL 1931348 (M.D. Fla. 2008); 2007 WL 2916399 (M.D. Fla. 2007); 2007 WL 2916407 (M.D. Fla. 2007); 2007 WL 2128183 (M.D. Fla. 2007).
- *Jagat v. XL Specialty Ins. Co.*, 6 So. 3d 619 (Fla. 4th DCA 2009).
- *American Alliance Insurance Co. v. 200 Ocean Drive, Ltd.*, 2009 WL 1058598 (Fla. 3d DCA 2009).
- *CC-Aventura, Inv. V. Weitz Co., LLC*, 2008 WL 2699577 (S.D. Fla. 2d 2008); 2008 WL 2699506 (S.D. Fla. 2008); 2007 WL 2700603 (S.D. Fla. 2007); 2007 WL 117934 (S.D. Fla. 2007); 2007 WL 117935 (S.D. Fla. 2007).
- *Ameen v. Dan Harris Enterprises, Inc.*, 969 So. 2d 383 (Fla. 4th DCA 2007).
- *WMS Construction, Inc. v. North American Specialty Insurance Company*, 929 So. 2d 1 (Fla. 3d DCA 2005).
- *Broward County v. Brooks Builders, Inc.*, 908 So. 2d 536 (Fla. 4th DCA 2005).
- *Faro v. Corporate Stock Transfer, Inc.*, 883 So. 2d 896 (Fla. 3d DCA 2004).
- *Action Labor of Florida, Inc. v. Liberty Mutual Insurance Company*, 879 So. 2d 1240 (Fla. 3d DCA 2004).
- *Decktight Roofing Services, Inc. v. Amwest Surety Co.*, 841 So. 2d 667 (Fla. 4th DCA 2003).
- *Sunhouse Construction, Inc. v. Amwest Surety Insurance Company*, 841 So. 2d 496 (Fla. 3d DCA 2003).
- *The Clark Construction Group, Inc. v. Wentworth Plastering of Boca Raton, Inc.*, 840 So. 2d 357 (Fla. 4th DCA 2003).
- *American Home Assurance Company v. Plaza Materials Corporation*, 826 So. 2d 358 (Fla. 2d DCA 2002).
- *School Board of Broward County v. Great American Ins. Co.*, 807 So. 2d 750 (Fla. 4th DCA 2002).
- *WMS Construction, Inc. v. Palm Springs Mile Associates, Ltd.*, 762 So. 2d 973 (Fla. 3d DCA 2000).
- *The Revenue Markets, Inc. v. Amwest Surety Insurance Company*, 35 F. Supp. 2d (S.D. Fla. 1998).
- *American Residential Services, Inc. v. Event Technical Services, Inc.*, 715 So. 2d 1048 (Fla. 3d DCA 1998).

U.S. Court of Appeals,
Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth
Circuit

U.S. Court of Federal
Claims

- *Ground Improvement Techniques, Inc. v. Merchants Bonding Company*, 707 So. 2d 1138 (Fla. 5th DCA 1998).
- *North American Specialty Insurance Company v. Hughes Supply, Inc.*, 705 So. 2d 616 (Fla. 4th DCA 1998).
- *Reliance Insurance Company v. Treasure Coast Travel Agency, Inc.*, 660 So.2d 1136 (Fla. 4th DCA 1995).
- *Central Bank of the South v. Seppala & AHO Construction Company, Inc. & USF&G*, 658 So. 2d 1248 (Fla. 4th DCA 1995).
- *Bisque Associates of Florida, Inc. v. Towers of Quayside No. 2 Condominium Association, Inc., et al.*, 639 So. 2d 997 (Fla. 3d DCA 1994).
- *G&E Construction Co. Equipment, Inc. v. The Resolution Trust Corporation*, So. 2d (Fla. 4th DCA 1991).
- *Wells Fargo Armored Services Corporation v. United Pacific Insurance Company and Consolidated Bank, N.A.*, 545 So. 2d 880 (Fla. 3d DCA 1989).
- *Reliance Insurance Company v. Barile Excavating and Pipeline Co., Inc.*, 685 F. Supp. 839 (M.D. Fla. 1988).
- *Sonia D'Ercole as Personal Representative of the Estate of Renato J. D'Ercole v. Estate of Mary Jane D'Ercole*, 504 So. 2d 471 (Fla. 3d DCA 1987).
- *First National Bank of Glencoe v. American Centennial Insurance Co.*, 504 So. 2d 13 (Fla. 4th DCA 1987).
- *Norwest Bank of Minneapolis, N.A. v. American Centennial Insurance Co.*, 493 So. 2d 101 (Fla. 4th DCA 1986).
- *National Union Fire Insurance Co. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania v. Southeast Bank, N.A.*, 476 So.2d 766 (Fla. 3d DCA 1985).
- *Shirley Ortiz v. Bankers Standard Insurance Co.*, 475 So. 2d 1012 (Fla. 3d DCA 1985).
- *Mangel v. City National Bank of Miami*, 451 So. 2d 927 (Fla. 3d DCA 1984).
- *Centex Homes Corporation v. Prestressed Systems, Inc.*, 444 So. 2d 66 (Fla. 3d DCA 1984).
- *American Druggist Insurance Company v. United States of America*, 691 F.2d 478 (11th Cir. 1982).
- *Florida Automatic Fire Sprinkler Corp. v. Mikanto Construction Corp.*, 418 So. 2d 1296 (Fla. 3d DCA 1982?).
- *Dale D. Stringer v. Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland*, 674 F.2d 880 (11th Cir. 1982?).
- *Devcon (Panama) International Corporation v. Sheffield Steel Products, Inc.*, 409 So. 2d 214 (Fla. 4th DCA 1982).
- *Travelers Insurance Co v. Jefferson National Bank at Kendall*, 404 So.2d 1131 (Fla. 3d DCA 1981).

- *Meason v. Popular Bank & Trust Co., Ltd.*, 657 F.2d 1251 (5th Cir. 1981).

Publications

09.01.2013	"Florida Construction Law," HLK Global Communications (September 2013).
04.14.2012	Editor, "The Law of Commercial Surety and Miscellaneous Bonds," ABA Publishing (2012).
01.04.2008	"Commercial Surety Indemnity Issues," The Surety's Indemnity Agreement: Law and Practice (Second Edition) (2008).
10.01.2005	Co-Author, "Representation of Multiple Parties in the Construction Arena: Ethical Issues," <i>The Construction Lawyer</i> (Fall 2005).
01.19.2001	Editor, "The Law of Miscellaneous and Commercial Surety Bonds," American Bar Association (January 2001).
03.19.2000	"The Surety's Right to Indemnity," The Law of Suretyship (Second Edition) (2000).
10.12.1997	"Takeover and Completion of Bonded Contracts by the Surety," THE BRIEF, Vol. 27, No. 1 (Fall 1997).
08.12.1994	"Indemnitors' Defenses and Counterclaims and Effect of Principal's Filing for Bankruptcy on the Surety's Right of Indemnification," The Law of Suretyship (1994).

Speaking Engagements

- Moderator, "We're In This Race Together: How Can We Help One Another (Claims and Underwriting)?", presented to the Fidelity and Surety Law Committee of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association, Louisville, KY (May 2014)
- Speaker, "Ethical Issues Commonly Presented to the Florida Construction Lawyer," presented at the Florida Construction Law Institute, Orlando FL (March 2013)
- Speaker, "Payment and Performance Bonds in Florida," presented at the Florida Bar Construction Certification Course, Orlando, FL (March 2014 and 2013)
- Speaker, "Negotiating and Drafting Effective Indemnity Agreements," presented at the American Conference Institute's National Advanced Forum on Litigating Contract Surety Bond and Fidelity Insurance Claims, Philadelphia, PA (October 2012)
- Moderator, "The Law of Commercial Surety and Miscellaneous Bonds," The Fidelity and Surety Law Committee of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association, Hilton Head, NC (May 2012).

- Speaker, "The Surety's Exposure to Delay Damages," presented to the Fidelity and Surety Law Committee of the Tort and Insurance Practice section of the American Bar Association, New York, NY (January 2011)
- Speaker, "Construction Bonds in Florida," presented to the Broward County Bar Association Construction Law Committee (August 2010)
- Speaker, "Liability of the Performance Bond Surety for Delay, Consequential and Liquidated Damages," presented to the Surety Claims Institute, Cape Cod, MA (June 2009)
- Speaker, "Risk Strategies, Allocation, and Management on Major Public Private Partnership Projects," presented to the Fidelity and Surety Law Committee of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association, New York, NY (January 2009)
- Speaker, "Resolving Problems and Disputes on Construction Projects," presented to the National Business Institute (August 2007)
- Speaker, "Tackling Contract Performance Delays," presented to the National Business Institute (August 2006)
- Speaker, "Managing Complex Construction Law Issues: Addressing Changes and Extras," presented to the National Business Institute (May 2006)
- Speaker, "Identifying Key Contractual Issues, Clauses and Provisions That Could Derail or Postpone a Project," presented to the National Business Institute (January 2006)
- Speaker, "Measuring Damages: Pricing Construction Claims," presented to the ABA Alternative Dispute Resolution & Construction Committee of the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association (November 2005)
- Speaker, "Getting Paid: Successful Strategies for Resolving Construction Lien Claims in Florida," presented to the National Business Institute (September 2005)
- Speaker, "Importance of Insurance Coverage for Sureties," presented to the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry (January 2005)
- Speaker, "Representation of Multiple Parties in the Construction Arena: Ethical Issues," presented to the ABA Forum Committee on the Construction Industry (October 2004)
- Speaker, "Water Intrusion & Mold Claims," presented for Sterling Education Services (September 2003)
- Speaker, "Florida Construction Defect and Mold Litigation," presented to the National Business Institute (July 2003)
- Speaker, "Indemnitors' Defenses," presented to the Fidelity and Surety Law Committee of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association (January 2002)
- Speaker, "Conditional Payment Bonds: Panacea or Pain?" presented to the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar (May 2001)
- Speaker, "One Florida: How it Affects the Construction Industry in South Florida," a

symposium presented in conjunction with the University of Miami, the Black Lawyers Association of Dade County, the Latin Builders Association and Post Buckley Engineers (November 2000)

- Speaker, "Construction Law for Attorneys in Florida," presented for Lorman Education Services (1999)
- Speaker, "Currency Valuation Losses: The Fidelity Insurer's Liability for Exchange Rate Differentials," presented to the Fidelity and Surety Law Committee of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association (1999)
- Speaker, "Fidelity Law Update," presented to the Surety Claims Institute (1998)
- Speaker, "Builders Risk Insurance," presented to the Construction Law Committee of the Florida Bar's Property and Probate Trust Law Section (1998)
- Speaker, "Advanced Construction Law in Florida," presented to the National Business Institute (1997)
- Speaker, "The Underwriting of Non-Standard Payment and Performance Bonds: A Debate Between Surety and Public Owner," presented to the Fidelity and Surety Law Committee of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section at the annual meeting of the American Bar Association (1996)
- Speaker, "Florida Construction Law: What Do You Do When...," presented to the National Business Institute (1996)
- Speaker, "Mechanics Lien Law Review," presented to The Florida Asset Management Association (1995)
- Speaker, "When the Banker Becomes the Building: From Loan Commitment to Bankruptcy and Beyond," presented to the Construction Law Committee of the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association (1992)
- Speaker, "Delay Damages in Florida," presented to the Construction Law Committee of the Dade County Bar Association (1991)

Professional Recognition

- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Board Certified by The Florida Bar in Construction
- Listed in *Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers* (Construction) (2005-2013)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* (2005-2014)
- Selected for inclusion in *Florida Super Lawyers* (2006-2013)
- Listed as a Top Lawyer in *South Florida Legal Guide*, 2005-2006, 2008-2010 editions
- Listed in Florida Monthly's *Top Florida Lawyers* 2008
- Selected for inclusion in *Florida Trend's Florida Legal Elite* 2007 & 2009

Professional and Civic Activities

- The Florida Bar
- American Bar Association
Litigation and Tort and Insurance Practice Sections
Fidelity and Surety Law Committee, Vice-Chair
Forum Committee on Construction Industry
- Dade County Bar Association
Construction Law Committee, Past Chair
- American Arbitration Association
- Leadership Miami
- The Beacon Council
- Order of Barristers
- International Association of Defense Counsel