MARTIN | HILD, P.A.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Serving the Construction Industry

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The attorneys of Martin | Hild represent general contractors and design-builders as well as others in the construction industry, and only in the construction industry.

The attorneys of Martin | Hild, P.A. are dedicated to representing those in the construction industry. Having represented national and international owners, contractors, and design professionals in Florida and throughout the country, the attorneys are committed to the highest professional standards and service. Mr. Martin and the members of his team have litigated multi-million-dollar disputes involving, among others, schedule delays and acceleration, extra work, differing site conditions, contract payment disputes, design defects, construction and mechanics' liens, payment/performance bonds, construction defects, bid protests, and contract preparation and reviews.

Another way that the firm offers value is by creatively utilizing expert witnesses and consultants as well as cutting-edge technology to provide the most efficient and cost-effective solutions that arise in typical construction cases.

Finally, while Martin | Hild are construction trial attorneys, the firm's foremost concern is extricating its clients from disputes as early as is practically possible. In many cases, that means alternative dispute resolution, i.e., mediation or arbitration.

> Ranked **Tier 1 in Construction Law** by Best Law Firms for 2026, in Orlando and in Colorado. Attorneys recognized by Best Lawyers, Super Lawyers and Martindale-Hubbell.

What we are brought in to do

The firm creatively uses expert witnesses, consultants and current technology to reach the most efficient and cost-effective resolution a case allows.

Delay, acceleration and lost productivity

Schedule analysis, time-impact and windows analysis, and the claims and defenses that follow from them.

Differing site conditions

Type I and Type II conditions, notice, and the geotechnical and design record behind them.

Extra work and change orders

Directed and constructive changes, cardinal change, and disputes over pricing and entitlement.

Payment and prompt payment

Contract payment disputes, pay-if-paid and pay-when-paid provisions.

Bid protests

Protests and responses on public procurements, and the administrative record that decides them.

Design professional liability

Professional negligence claims involving architects and engineers, and the statutory limitations that apply.

Mediation, arbitration and neutral evaluation

Advocacy in ADR, and service as a neutral.



Gregory S. Martin

MANAGING PARTNER

Mr. Martin represents clients from contract preparation, review and negotiation through ultimate dispute resolution, including litigation, arbitration and other alternative dispute resolution procedures. He also acts as external general counsel to certain clients, addressing and providing advice on a wide range of issues particular to the construction industry. Since the start of his career, Mr. Martin has actively participated in trials, arbitration and administrative hearings throughout Florida as well as in the federal system, other states and territories.

ADMITTED

Florida, 1990; California, 2011; Georgia, 2018; U.S. District Court, Southern and Middle Districts of Florida; U.S. District Court, Southern and Middle Districts of California; U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth, Ninth and Eleventh Circuits; U.S. Court of Federal Claims; and the Supreme Court of the United States. AAA Commercial and Construction Panels of Neutrals, 2013

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Florida, 1990
Bachelor of Building Construction, University of Florida, 1987

CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified in Construction Law, The Florida Bar. Board Certified in Business Litigation, The Florida Bar. LEED® Green Associate.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Florida Bar; The California Bar; The Georgia Bar; American Bar Association (Forum on Construction Law); Federal Bar Association; The Orange County Bar Association; Associated General Contractors of America; Florida Transportation Builders Association, Inc.; Diversity Law Institute; Trial Law Institute

RECOGNITION

Martindale-Hubbell PEER RATED For Ethical Standards and Legal Ability 2018

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Super Lawyers

Orlando The City's Magazine

Chambers AND PARTNERS

WHO'S WHO LEGAL WWL



Frank J. Hild

PARTNER

Mr. Hild represents clients in all phases of construction from contract preparation through ultimate dispute resolution, including litigation. He has actively participated in trials, administrative hearings and alternative dispute resolution proceedings throughout Florida and other states, as well as in the federal system. Mr. Hild's understanding of both the construction industry and the courtroom comes from a varied background that includes work as a project engineer in hospital construction and practice as a private criminal defense and commercial litigation attorney.

ADMITTED

Florida, 1999; Texas, 2013; U.S. District Court, Southern, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida, 2004, 2013 and 2014

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Florida, 1999

M.S., Building Construction, University of Florida, 2007

Sigma Lambda Chi International Construction Honor Society

B.A., Oberlin College, 1993

CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified in Construction Law, The Florida Bar.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Florida Bar; American Bar Association (Forum on Construction Law); The Orange County Bar Association; American Society of Professional Estimators; The Associated General Contractors of America

RECOGNITION

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PRESENTATIONS

Top Ten Common Mistakes that Ensure Litigation — NAWIC Southeastern Forum, May 13, 2016, and Associated Builders and Contractors, Central Florida Chapter, October 20, 2015

Construction Contract Provisions and Delay Claims — The Seminar Group's Construction Project Scheduling and Delay Claims Program, May 5, 2016

Working with Owners when Claims Arise — CMAA Florida Chapter, August 19, 2015



Paul A. Bennett

PARTNER

Mr. Bennett's practice focuses on construction litigation, claim development and transactional matters, assisting clients in the resolution of complex legal issues relating to construction projects often exceeding $100 million. He represents general contractors, joint ventures, owners and other construction parties in the public and private construction process, including contract preparation and negotiation, risk management, contemporaneous counseling during design and construction operations, and resolution of disputes after construction via mediation, arbitration and litigation. He also frequently drafts and negotiates industry contracts as well as highly specialized construction contracts and other transactional instruments in both the public and private construction arenas.

Mr. Bennett has substantial experience developing and litigating construction claims involving project delays, disruption, lost efficiency and productivity, design errors and omissions, differing site conditions, breaches of standard of care and defective workmanship. His prior experience includes assisting general contractors on large-scale public infrastructure and design-build projects ranging in value from $450 million to over $2 billion. He provided significant assistance in the development of complex construction claims on massive public construction projects including highways, railroads, bridges, light rail systems, airports and a variety of EPC projects such as industrial power facilities and solar projects. In the private sector, he has counseled owners, developers, general contractors and subcontractors in the resolution of disputes relating to hotels, retail centers, mixed-use projects and a performing arts center.

Mr. Bennett has assisted clients throughout the United States, including projects in Florida, Texas, Nevada, California, Colorado, Maryland and the Carolinas.

ADMITTED

Florida, 2013; Texas, 2020; U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 2016; U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 2021

EDUCATION

J.D., Florida State University College of Law, 2013
B.S., Florida State University, 2010

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Florida Bar; American Bar Association; Design-Build Institute of America; Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.

RECOGNITION

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RECOGNIZED BY
Best Lawyers

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Panelist and presenter, Modern Cost Plus Contracting, 2024 Construction Super Conference

Best Practices in Navigating Construction Escalation Costs — NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Development Association, March 2023

Certificates of Merit: Practical Guidance to Avoid Procedural Pitfalls, *Under Construction*, vol. 22, no. 2 (Winter 2020)

Courtroom Contracting — Proving Reasonableness in Government Contract Disputes, *The Construction Lawyer*, vol. 36, no. 2 (Spring 2016)

Representative matters handled by the firm's attorneys, some at prior firms. Amounts stated are sums in dispute, not amounts recovered. Most figures are published by the firm as “in excess of” the amount shown, so the total is a floor. Past results do not guarantee a similar outcome in any other matter.



Benjamin Burleson

ATTORNEY

Mr. Burleson provides legal services to clients large and small in the construction industry including general contractors, subcontractors, and design professionals throughout the country. He focuses his practice primarily on complex construction claims, assisting clients through all phases of litigation including contract preparation and review, delay claim development, lost productivity, differing site conditions, dispute resolution, mediation, arbitration, alternative dispute resolution, and trial. Mr. Burleson also has experience in various areas of complex commercial litigation in both state and federal courts in fields such as contract and business disputes and real property litigation.

ADMITTED

Florida, 2018; U.S. District Court, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida, 2023

EDUCATION

J.D., Florida State University College of Law, 2018, *magna cum laude*

Florida State Law Review, Notes & Comments Editor

B.A., Criminology and Political Science, Florida State University, 2014, *cum laude*

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JUDICIAL LAW CLERKSHIP

Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Leslie Hoffman Price, U.S. Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, Orlando

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Florida Bar



Afton J. Paris

ATTORNEY

Ms. Paris provides legal counsel to construction industry clients nationwide. Her practice focuses primarily on complex construction claims and she assists clients throughout all phases of litigation. Ms. Paris previously spent several years with an AmLaw 100 firm in Denver and Philadelphia, where she focused on complex commercial litigation in the insurance and financial services industries, representing clients in state and federal courts across the country. She has also tried dozens of cases to jury verdicts during her time as a state prosecutor in the Denver metropolitan area. Ms. Paris leverages her trial experience to begin with the end in mind when assessing all litigation matters and critically evaluates the best strategy and outcome for each client and situation.

ADMITTED

Pennsylvania, 2019; Colorado, 2021; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2020

EDUCATION

J.D., William & Mary Law School, 2019, *cum laude*

B.S., Oklahoma Christian University, 2015, *magna cum laude*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Colorado Bar Association; Colorado Women's Bar Association



Joseph T. Zavoral

ATTORNEY

Mr. Zavoral assists clients with small- to large-scale construction projects and provides legal advice and representation with a complete approach. He advocates for clients in all types of construction litigation, including delay and productivity claims, lien filing to foreclosure, and OSHA issues. Mr. Zavoral represents owners, general contractors, sureties, and subcontractors in projects of all sizes. Combining his energy in advocacy and experience with the construction industry, Mr. Zavoral critically assesses his clients' needs and pursues client goals.

ADMITTED

Florida, 2020; U.S. District Court, Southern and Middle Districts of Florida, 2021; U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 2024

EDUCATION

J.D., Florida State University, 2020
M.A., University of West Florida, 2017, *summa cum laude*
B.A., University of West Florida, 2014

CERTIFICATIONS

Environmental and Land Use Law Certificate, Florida State University.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Florida Bar; Orange County Bar Association; American Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS

Joseph T. Zavoral, *OSHA Liability in Tort and the Threat of the Multi-Employer Doctrine*, 47 Fla. St. L. Rev. (Winter 2020)



Katrina L. Marino

ATTORNEY

Ms. Marino provides legal services to clients in the construction industry including general contractors, subcontractors, and design professionals. Her services range from pre-dispute contract preparation to all stages of litigation. She attended law school at the University of Florida Levin College of Law where she developed alternative dispute resolution skills, focusing primarily on mediation, as both a mediator and an advocate. She uses these skills to provide clients with creative and innovative solutions that cater to the client's needs. Ms. Marino also uses her educational experience to provide contract preparation services that solidify the client's wishes while also providing safeguards for their interests.

ADMITTED

Florida, 2020; U.S. District Court, Southern and Middle Districts of Florida, 2021

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 2020
B.S., University of Central Florida, 2017

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LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Florida Bar; Orange County Bar Association; American Bar Association



Kyle W. Woodford

ATTORNEY

Mr. Woodford's practice focuses on counseling clients in all facets of construction litigation. He assists clients in complex, high-value disputes in jury and nonjury trials, arbitrations, and mediations in matters involving contract disputes, schedule claims, risk management, unforeseen site conditions, and payment remedies to claims of defective work. Prior to joining Martin Hild, P.A., Mr. Woodford worked for a national firm where he handled complex commercial litigation disputes and class actions throughout the country. His diverse litigation background and experience enable him to approach each case uniquely to achieve the best results for his clients.

ADMITTED

Florida, 2021; U.S. District Court, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida, 2022; U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, 2022; U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 2024

EDUCATION

J.D., Stetson University College of Law, 2019
B.A., Economics, University of Florida, 2016

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Florida Bar; American Bar Association; Hillsborough County Bar Association; Public Justice; American Association for Justice

PUBLICATIONS

Emerging Areas in Class Actions — Spring Training Class Action Workshop, National Association of Consumer Advocates, May 2023



Ryan Nelson

ATTORNEY

Mr. Nelson counsels and represents clients across every phase of construction, including general contractors, subcontractors, and design professionals nationwide. He guides clients through each stage of a dispute, from drafting and reviewing contracts before problems arise, to evaluating and building claims, through trial. Mr. Nelson developed trial experience early on, having started his career in criminal defense, and also has experience in real estate litigation and employment disputes.

ADMITTED

Utah, 2023; U.S. District Court, District of Utah, 2024

EDUCATION

American University, Washington College of Law, J.D., 2022

Editor-in-Chief, American University, Washington College of Law's National Security Law Brief, 2021-2022

University of the Incarnate Word, B.A. Organizational Development, 2018
Defense Language Institute, A.A., Spanish, 2012

LANGUAGES

Spanish

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Utah State Bar



Thomas D. Tyra

ATTORNEY

Mr. Tyra provides legal services to clients in the construction industry including general contractors, subcontractors, and design professionals throughout the country. He assists clients through all phases of litigation including pre-dispute contract preparation and review, claim review and development, and alternative dispute resolution and trial. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Tyra worked as an engineer on a team which designed and built an assembly for high altitude research. He next worked as an engineer and drafter in the construction industry for EFCO Forms. Mr. Tyra uses his education and engineering experience to understand technical issues his clients face.

ADMITTED

Florida, 2024

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 2024, *cum laude*
B.S., Mechanical Engineering, University of Central Florida, 2017, *cum laude*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Florida Bar



Ryan S. White-Boyd

ATTORNEY

Mr. White-Boyd provides legal services to clients in the construction industry including general contractors, subcontractors, and design professionals throughout the country. He assists clients through all phases of litigation including pre-dispute contract preparation and review, claim review and development, alternative dispute resolution, and trial. Mr. White-Boyd also has experience in areas of complex commercial litigation in fields such as insurance defense and trucking litigation. Mr. White-Boyd uses his education and litigation experience to understand various issues his clients face.

ADMITTED

Florida, 2024

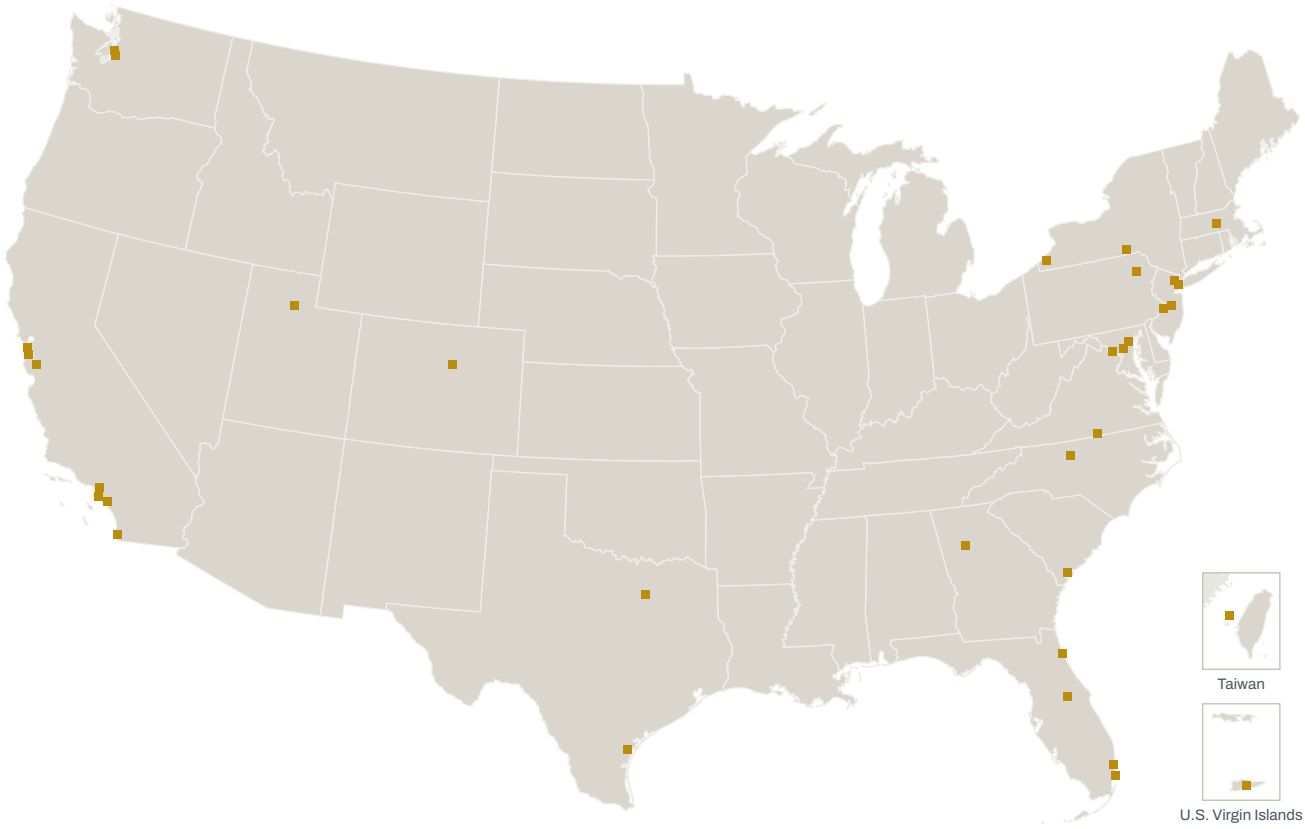
EDUCATION

J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 2024
Florida Journal of International Law, Executive Managing Editor
B.A., Government, Georgetown University, 2020

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Florida Bar

The firm is based in Maitland and Denver, and its attorneys have appeared in state and federal courts, in arbitration and in mediation across the country: California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and abroad in Taiwan.



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