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BIO

Gary M. Stein is Co-Managing Partner of Peckar & Abramson's Miami office and serves on the firm's Executive Committee. He also currently serves as general counsel for the South Florida Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America (South Florida AGC).

Gary, who is certified by the Florida Bar as a Construction Law Specialist, has extensive experience representing general contractors, construction managers, subcontractors, owners/developers, and other construction industry professionals. He handles litigation, arbitration, and mediation for construction and design defect claims, contract disputes, construction liens and surety bonds, delay, inefficiency and acceleration type claims, insurance claims, and related matters across residential, commercial, and municipal projects. His practice also includes representing civil infrastructure contractors in claims involving tunnels, bridges, roads, and highways, as well as energy infrastructure contractors in disputes related to power plants, including nuclear facilities.

Gary is highly experienced in joint venture (JV) disputes, providing strategic advice on JV agreements, risk allocation, and dispute resolution for major infrastructure and commercial projects.

In addition, he is highly experienced in the preparation and negotiation of construction contracts, as well as providing project administration assistance during construction for the early identification and resolution of conflicts and disputes.

Gary has represented clients in litigation and arbitration involving such things as delays, liens, bonds, wrongful termination, differing site conditions and construction defects involving foundations, reinforced and post-tension concrete construction, masonry, roofing, drywall assemblies, stucco, EIFS systems, curtain wall systems, railings, paint, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, fire suppression systems, drilled shafts, and many other building systems and components in both domestic and international cases.

As lead counsel, Gary has successfully handled jury and non-jury trials, arbitrations and appeals in both state and federal courts. He has served as an arbitrator through the American Arbitration Association for many years and as a mediator in many large complex construction and commercial disputes.

Gary teaches a course on legal issues in construction for the Masters of Construction Management Program at the University of Miami's School of Architecture. He has authored numerous articles on various construction-related topics for *Southeast Construction*, the American Bar Association, the American Arbitration Association, and others. Gary has also conducted seminars on various construction law topics for the National Business Institute, Lorman Educational Services, the Florida Construction Law Institute, and the Miami-Dade County Bar Association.

HIGHLIGHTS

ADMISSIONS

- State of Florida
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida

EDUCATION AND COURSES

- University of Florida, B.A.
- University of Miami School of Law, J.D.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Construction Dispute Resolution
- Commercial and Business Litigation
- Government Contracts
- International Construction & Infrastructure
- Residential and Multi-Family

MEMBERSHIPS

- South Florida Associated General Contractors, Board of Directors
- Fellow, American College of Construction Lawyers
- Associated General Contractors of America
- Construction Association of South Florida
- American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry and Litigation Section
- American Trial Lawyers Association
- Miami-Dade County Bar Association

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- *Chambers USA*, Construction Law, Florida, 2017-2026
- *Best Lawyers*, 2006-2026
- *Best Lawyers*, "Lawyer of the Year" in Construction Law – Miami region, 2013
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, 2009-2025
- *The Legal 500: United States* "Key Lawyer," 2025-2026
- *Martindale-Hubbell* AV Preeminent Rated
- *Lexology Index*: Construction, 2025
- *Who's Who Legal* - Thought Leader: USA, 2024
- *Who's Who Legal* - Thought Leader: Construction, 2022-2023
- *Who's Who Legal*: Construction, 2021-2024
- Florida Bar Board Certified Construction Law Specialist
- *South Florida Legal Guide*, Top Lawyer

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "Managing Construction Claims in 2026: Strategies for Handling Change Orders and Project Delays," The Knowledge Group Webinar, (speaker) June 2026
- "Suretyship: FS 255.05, Miller Act, and Other Bonds" 9339 Construction Law Certification Review Course 2026 - Florida Construction Law Institute, (speaker) March 2026
- "SDNY Ruling Highlights Privilege Risks in Client Use of Generative AI," *P&A Client Alert*, February 2026
- "Building Together: Best Practices and Lessons Learned in Joint Ventures," 2025 Construction Super Conference, (speaker) December 2025

HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

- “Surety, Lien, and Bond Issues,” TSG’s 14th Annual Construction Law Seminar, (speaker) October 2025
- “Unprecedented Times: An Interview Panel With 2025 Top Construction Law Firms,” Quoted in *Construction Executive*, June 2025
- “Suretyship: FS 255.05, Miller Act, and Other Bonds” 8743 Construction Law Certification Review Course 2025 - Florida Construction Law Institute, (speaker) March 2025
- “Ask the Authors: Tariffs and the Art of the Price Escalation “Deal”,” P&A Webinar, (speaker) January 2025
- “Tariffs and the Art of the Price Escalation “Deal”,” *P&A Client Alert*, (co-author) January 2025
- “Joint Ventures in Construction: Best Practices and Lessons Learned,” P&A Webinar, (speaker) November 2024
- “Suretyship: FS 255.05, Miller Act, and Other Bonds,” Florida Bar’s Advanced Construction Law Certification Review Course (presenter), March 2024
- “Consequential Challenges in Arbitration Clauses,” Construction Super Conference (presenter), November 2023
- “Suretyship: FS 255.05, Miller Act, and Other Bonds” Florida Bar’s Advanced Construction Law Certification Review (presenter), March 2023
- “Suretyship: FS 255.05, Miller Act, and Other Bonds,” Florida Bar’s Construction Law Institute (presenter), March 2022
- “Failure to Properly Consider Damages Could Be Catastrophic for Your Claim” Construction Super Conference (presenter), December 2021
- “Effectively Preventing Construction Disputes,” South Florida AGC’s Young Constructors Forum (presenter), June 2021
- “How to Effectively Prevent Construction Disputes: Practical Tips and Strategies Explored,” The Knowledge Group Webinar (presenter), March 2021
- “COVID-19 Discussion: The Present and Future for the Construction Community,” South Florida AGC (presenter), July 2020
- “COVID-19 Site Safety Protocols and Revised OSHA Enforcement Guidance,” South Florida AGC (moderator), June 2020
- “Structuring your Settlements in Multi-Party Litigation,” Construction Law Institute 2020, March 2020
- “Construction Risk Management: Current Issues and Pitfalls Explored!,” The Knowledge Group Webinar (speaker), September 2019
- “Extension of Time (EOT) Claims – Separating Fairy Tales from Facts.” 2019 American Arbitration Association Construction Conference: Techniques for Managing the Growing Complexities of Construction Disputes (panelist), April 2019
- “Suretyship: FS 255.05, Miller Act, and Other Bonds,” Construction Law Certification Review Course (speaker), March 2019
- “Resolving Construction Disputes Through Mediation: A Comprehensive Guide,” The Knowledge Group Live Webcast (panelist), December 2018
- “Making Your Partnership Work: Joint Ventures in Construction,” Great American Insurance Group Conference (speaker), November 2016