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PARTNER

Warren E. Friedman focuses his practice on construction law and real estate counseling and litigation. Warren places particular emphasis on providing strategic business counseling to his clients designed to prevent costly disputes before they arise. However, when disputes do arise, Warren's extensive litigation experience ensures a cost-effective and aggressive solution. His clients include contractors, construction managers, owner/developers, institutions, lenders, and sureties on both private and public projects.

Warren also has extensive experience with licensure issues, surety relations, negotiating and drafting various contract documents, monitoring the construction process during construction, regulatory compliance and counseling clients through project administration.

In the past, Warren has worked with his clients on a variety of matters including breach of construction contracts (non-performance, terminations, abandonment and project delays), construction defects (structural soundness issues, water intrusion and building component failures), property damage and environmental impacts, construction liens and bond claims, and issues involving concrete, stucco, drywall, waterproofing, roofing, plumbing, electric, site work and other building elements.

Warren frequently represents clients in complex mediation, arbitration and litigation proceedings, and his general litigation practice includes contract and business related disputes.

Warren also has a special interest in the real estate arena, where he counsels real estate owners/developers and investors in a wide array of areas including acquisition, development, financing and disposition of commercial, hotel, multifamily and mixed-use properties. In addition, he represents owners and users in commercial leasing transactions.

While in law school, Warren was a member and editor of the *Nova Law Review* and served as a judicial intern for both United States Magistrate Judge John J. O'Sullivan and United States Court of Appeals Judge Adalberto Jordan.

HIGHLIGHTS

ADMISSIONS:

- State of Florida
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

EDUCATION:

- Emory University, B.A.
- Nova Southeastern University Shephard Broad Law Center, J.D.

MEMBERSHIPS:

- American Bar Association (Forum on the Construction Industry and Litigation Section)
- American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (Real Property, Trust, & Estate Law, Vice-Chair, 2010-2011; Liaison to the Forum on Construction Industry, 2013-Present).
- Associated Builders and Contractors
- Associated General Contractors of America
- Contractors Association of South Florida
- Dade County Bar Association
- Epilepsy Foundation of Florida Board Member (2012-2014)
- Florida Bar Association (Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section)
- Florida Transportation Builders Association

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Construction and Infrastructure
- International Construction
- Real Estate Law
- Construction Dispute Resolution
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Covid-19 Task Force

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2016 - 2018
- Board Certified in Construction Law by The Florida Bar
- *South Florida Legal Guide*, Up & Comers
- *Nova Law Review*, notes and comments editor
- Book Awards: Civil Pre-Trial Practice / Jewish Law Seminar
- Nova Law Dean's List
- Pro Bono Honors

PUBLICATIONS:

- "Here's Some Guidance for Construction Contractors About Mitigating Coronavirus Risks," *Daily Business Review*, March 2020.
- "Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Guidance for Contractors," *Peckar & Abramson Client Alert*, March 2020.
- "Excusing Project Performance from Unexpected Events," *AGC Law In Brief*, Vol. 1, No. 3, July 2015.

HIGHLIGHTS **CONTINUED**

- “Beware Non-Specific Force Majeure Clauses,” *Engineering News Record*, Law & Risk Special Section, June 8, 2015.
- “Dispute Resolution for Construction Projects: Not a One-Size Fits-All Approach,” *U.S. News-Best Lawyers*. Best Law Firms 2015 Edition, November 3, 2014.
- “Building With Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Legal Issues Surrounding the Use of Drones in Construction,” *Construction Ink!*, Fall 2014.
- “Carefully Contemplate Property Rights in P3 Procurement,” *Engineering News Record*, Construction Law, Risk and Compliance section, August 11, 2014.
- “Dissolution - Considerations for the Last Project and New Beginnings,” *Construction Ink!*, Spring/Summer 2014.
- “Growth of “Green” Projects Increases Disputes, Liability Risks,” *Daily Business Review*, May 22, 2013.
- “Public Procurement: Changes to Florida’s Competitive Solicitation Public Record Exemptions,” *Florida Transportation Builder*, Summer 2011.
- “President Barack Obama’s Executive Orders May Result in the Requirement for Collective Bargaining Agreements on Federal Construction Projects,” *Southeast Construction*, April 2009.
- “Protecting Yourself in These Uncertain Economic Times,” *Construction Ink!*, March 2009.
- “The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: What Contractors Need to Know,” *Southeast Construction*, March 2009, reprinted in *Estimator*, The Professional Construction Estimators Association of America, Inc., Vol. 19, No. 3, Spring 2009.
- “Dealing with Fluctuating Construction Costs,” *Southeast Construction*, March 2009.
- “Minimizing the Risk and Impact of an Owner Default,” *Southeast Construction*, November 2008.
- “Minimizing the Impact of a Subcontractor Default,” *Southeast Construction*, August 2008.
- “Concern Over Crane Operation, Safety, and Inspections Sparks New Statewide and Local Legislative Efforts,” *Southeast Construction*, April 2008.

PRESENTATIONS:

- High Risk Construction and Best Practices to Avoid Claims for Construction Defects, Client Seminars, September 2014.
- Construction Claims Preparation and Analysis, Bosch Educational Services, August 2013.