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Adam advises clients across the full lifecycle of construction and development matters, from drafting and negotiating project agreements to resolving disputes through litigation, arbitration and pre-suit strategies. He is Board Certified in Construction Law by The Florida Bar.

Adam's project experience in Florida and nationwide spans high-rise residential towers, hotels, luxury homes, courthouses, airports, stadiums, roadways and treatment plants, in both the public and private sectors. He handles a wide range of matters, including:

- Contract drafting.
- Contract disputes.
- Delay claims.
- Mechanics' liens
- Bond claims.
- Construction defect matters.
- Insurance recovery.
- Risk transfer and indemnity issues.

He also serves as outside general counsel to developers, associations, multinational general contractors and local builders, advising on day-to-day operations, compliance and project consultation. Having previously served as general counsel and vice president of operations for a South Florida residential roofing contractor, Adam brings a practical, business-minded perspective to every engagement.

Services

- Construction
- Litigation

Before Fox Rothschild

Before joining us, Adam was a Partner in the Fort Lauderdale office of a national law firm, where he led the construction practice in Florida. Before that, he was a Partner and Co-Chair of the Construction Practice at a Florida law firm and practiced at firms throughout South Florida. He also served as General Counsel and Vice President of Operations for Florida's largest residential roofing company.

Representative Matters

- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a national general contractor in highly technical litigation against a supplier.
- Successfully mediated unlicensed contracting claims on behalf of homeowners in Boca Raton resulting in payment for full damages sought, plus legal fees.
- Secured favorable early resolution in arbitration on behalf of a project owner against a design-builder involving competing multimillion-dollar claims over a local stadium project.
- Compelled pre-suit mediation in two related payment bond lawsuits and successfully resolved claims for a national general contractor against a primary subcontractor and its lower tiers.
- Obtained favorable resolution of a \$28 million construction defect claim on behalf of a subcontractor.
- Drafted and negotiated construction and design agreements, including insurance and bonding programs, for a \$130 million student housing project.
- Obtained a complete defense arbitration award on behalf of a local builder.
- Successfully resolved a catastrophic injury lawsuit on behalf of a condominium association involving renovations to the property.
- Led development deals totaling in excess of nine figures in aggregate project value.

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Education

- University of Miami School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)
- Binghamton University – State University of New York (B.A., *cum laude*)
 - Philosophy, Politics and Law

Accomplishments

- Board Certified in Construction Law, The Florida Bar (2020)

Honors & Awards

- Selected to the "Rising Star" list by *Attorney At Law Magazine*, Miami Edition (2019)