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W is more than a bet-the-business litigator — he's a trial-tested strategist and dealmaker, and a trusted adviser for clients facing challenges in construction, business, real estate, and complex trust and estate matters. Managing Partner of the firm's West Palm Beach office and a Florida Bar Certified Specialist in Construction Law, W brings deep experience to complex projects and transactions inclusive of intricate contract negotiations, high-stakes deal structuring and risk mitigation. He's a fierce advocate for developers, contractors, lenders, businesses of all sizes and ultra-high-net-worth individuals.

Construction

W is a skilled negotiator and dealmaker, guiding clients through phases of a project, from initial concept to final close-out. His transactional experience includes the preparation, negotiation and administration of development agreements, construction contracts, design-build contracts and project financing. He also excels in litigating claims related to change order disputes, terminations, insurance coverage and a wide range of construction-related issues in federal, state and administrative arenas, including arbitration. From securing complete defense verdicts in complex municipal construction disputes to negotiating favorable settlements for national homebuilders and structuring complex construction deals, W provides experienced representation.

Business Litigation

W is a seasoned business litigator adept at handling disputes across a broad range of complex, high-stakes matters involving financial instruments and institutions, mergers and acquisitions, national retailers, ultra-high-net-worth trust disputes, and significant construction- and real estate-related litigation. He's a skilled negotiator and tenacious litigator who protects his clients with unwavering dedication. He's tried and arbitrated sophisticated business divorces and freed C-suite executives from unreasonable restrictive covenants.

Real Estate Litigation

W represents both institutional lenders and individuals in real estate disputes, including foreclosures and landlord-tenant matters. He has extensive experience with the Truth in Lending Act, RESPA, FCRA, ECOA, Fair Housing Act, and FDCPA, ensuring compliance and maximizing positive outcomes. He's obtained favorable judgments in contested foreclosure actions and successfully litigated disputes involving complex commercial landlord-tenant matters. W has significant experience advising national outdoor advertising companies with respect to land use matters, easement disputes and landlord-tenant litigation.

Trust Disputes

W provides discreet and sophisticated counsel to ultra-high-net-worth individuals and families in complex trust and estate matters. His experience includes advising on trust disputes and related trust administration issues. He understands the sensitive nature of these matters and provides personalized, strategic guidance to protect his clients' interests.

Dealmaking and Transactional Acumen

W's skills extend beyond the courtroom. He's a seasoned negotiator and dealmaker, adept at structuring complex transactions and ensuring his client's interests are protected. His experience includes advising national homebuilders, retailers and advertising companies on complex transactions and negotiating multimillion-dollar construction contracts. He brings a strategic and business-minded approach to every deal, maximizing value and minimizing risk.

Services

- Litigation
- Construction
- Financial Services Industry
- Product Liability & Mass Torts
- Trade Secrets & Restrictive Covenants
- Real Estate Litigation
- Health Law

Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to joining Fox, W was an associate at a Florida full-service law firm where he counseled a wide range of clients in commercial, construction and maritime-related matters. During law school, he served as managing editor of the *Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law*. Before practicing law, W served as creative director for a prominent event management company where he developed and implemented marketing campaigns for international trade events for the flooring industry.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

W is dedicated to bar association service and was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the North County Section of the Palm Beach County Bar Association. Additionally, the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners appointed W to a two-year term on the Groundwater and Natural Resources Protection Board. W is an active member of the Board of Trustees of the Craig S. Barnard American Inn of Court where he is presently serving as the programming chair. He is a member of the Federal Bar Association, Associated Builders and Contractors and the Young Professionals of the Palm Beaches, Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches. W is President of the Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park.

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

Education

- Tulane University Law School (J.D., 2008)
- Florida Atlantic University (B.A., 2006)

Memberships

- Leadership Palm Beach County Engage program
- Palm Beach County Bar Association (Judicial Relations Committee, Bench Bar Conference - Commercial Litigation Section Co-Chair)
- Craig S. Barnard American Inn of Court LIV (Membership Co-Chair, Foundation Liaison, Programming Co-Chair)
- Florida Bar Association (Board Certified in Construction Law; Admiralty Committee; Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section)
- Federal Bar Association, Palm Beach Chapter (Young Lawyers Division Co-Chair)
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers
- Associated Builders and Contractors
- Young Professionals of the Palm Beaches, Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches
- Young Friends of the Kravis Center
- Palm Beach County Hispanic Bar Association
- F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association

Board of Directors

- Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park, President
- The Nature Foundation, Trustee
- Palm Beach County Bar Association, North County Section
- Craig S. Barnard American Inn of Court LIV

Honors & Awards

- Named a "Top Lawyer" in Construction Law by Palm Beach Illustrated (2019)
- Recognized as an Attorney On The Rise, *Daily Business Review* (2018)