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James K. Hickman handles Construction Defect Litigation. Jim primarily defends architects, engineers, and real estate professionals against negligence, breach of contract, personal injury, misrepresentation, and fraud and nondisclosure claims.

After earning his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Florida in 1988, Jim went on to Stetson University College of Law. In 1991, he graduated *cum laude* from Stetson. Before joining Butler, he worked for several local firms handling mostly construction defect defense cases and participating in class action litigation. In addition to the many cases he has tried to verdict, Jim has successfully resolved numerous matters through mediation and arbitration.

Jim's leadership and service extend well beyond the legal profession. For eight years, he has served on the Board of Directors for East Lake Little League. He also serves on the Student Advisory Counsel of Brooker Creek Elementary School in Tarpon Springs. Additionally, he is active as the Lay Leader of the East Lake United Methodist Church and serves on several of the church's committees.

## ADMISSIONS

- FLORIDA

## RECOGNITIONS

- NAMED SUPER LAWYER FOR 2014

## EDUCATION

- UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
- STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW  
DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE

## MEMBERSHIPS

- CLAIMS AND LITIGATION MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE (CLM)
- DEFENSE RESEARCH INSTITUTE (DRI)
- FLORIDA DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (FDLA)

## KEY POINTS

### PRACTICES

CONSTRUCTION

AVIATION

- HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION (HCBA)

## COURTS

- FLORIDA COURTS (MIDDLE DISTRICT)
- FLORIDA COURTS (SOUTHERN DISTRICT)
- FLORIDA STATE COURTS
- UNITED STATES ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS