




## Gary L. Brown

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## Biography

Gary Brown is a Partner and Chair of Kelley Kronenberg's **Construction Law Division**. His practice focuses on **complex commercial** and general business litigation, as well as **OSHA compliance**. He is Board Certified by The Florida Bar in Construction Law. Gary is also a Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator.

In his practice, Gary assists businesses with complex and routine construction-related matters, working closely with business owners, developers, general contractors, construction managers, and major subcontractors to identify and resolve project issues early on. He also represents municipalities and other local governments, as well as contractors, on public works projects, including the development of procurement documents, construction agreements, and design agreements. Gary's public works experience also includes prosecuting and defending bid protests.

Gary is an excellent source of guidance for his clients on transactional matters, furnishing them with both legal and business strategies that are tailor-made to strategically advance their objectives. His expertise extends to the preparation, negotiation, and enforcement of contracts, covering a broad spectrum of legal disputes, including:

- Change Order Disputes
- Construction Defect Claims
- Construction Lien Claims
- Delay, Inefficiency, and Acceleration Claims
- Design Defect Claims
- Insurance Claims
- Payment and Performance Bonds

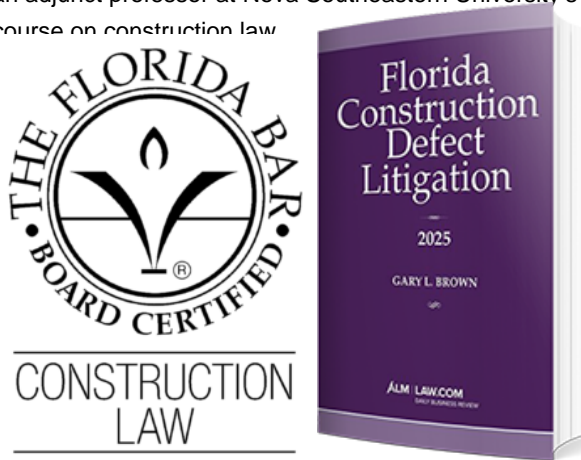
Gary's practice also includes counseling clients in regulatory compliance with the standards and regulations enforced by the Department of Labor and OSHA. As part of his OSHA practice, Gary assists clients in establishing compliant safety programs; guides employers during OSHA inspections; and defends employers in OSHA enforcement actions.

Placing emphasis on client satisfaction, Gary establishes highly engaged relationships with his clients. He provides both on- and off-site counsel and daily guidance to clients on both small and large-scale projects, aiming to resolve disputes before crises occur. Through proactive problem-avoidance measures, Gary helps

his clients to maintain workflows, facilitating timely compliance with contractual and other requirements while minimizing risks.

Gary is a skilled negotiator, and his tenacious representation often leads to beneficial client outcomes without the need for trial. When litigation is unavoidable, Gary is well prepared for the courtroom. He melds his decades of experience, expertise, and endless drive for winning with creative litigation strategies to forge the best possible results for his clients. Gary has successfully handled a wide range of business and construction matters before state and federal courts, arbitration tribunals, mediation panels, and administrative boards throughout the state of Florida.

In 2015, Gary published a book with the Daily Business Review (an ALM Media company) titled *Florida Construction Defect Litigation*, now in its sixth edition. The book addresses the legal framework surrounding construction defect claims including typical claims and defenses, contractual considerations, standards of care for contractors and design professionals, the applicability of insurance and surety bonds, the role of experts, arbitration of claims, the keys to successful mediation of construction disputes, and finally, the proper measure of damages in defect cases. In addition, Gary regularly lectures on construction legal topics, and is an adjunct professor at Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad College of Law, where he teaches a course on construction law.



## Admissions

- Florida
- United States District Court, Southern District of Florida
- United States District Court, Middle District of Florida
- United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

## Education

- Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, J.D., 1995
- Nova Southeastern University, B.A., *with distinction*, 1991

## Industry Updates

- Featured, “[Kelley Kronenberg named one of South Florida’s “Top Law Firms”; Seven Partners also named in the 2019 South Florida Legal Guide](#)”, *Sun-Sentinel*, June 14, 2019
- Featured, “[Eight Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2019 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine](#)”, *Tampa Bay Newswire*, June 14, 2019
- Featured, “[Eight Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2019 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine](#)”, *Attorney at Law Magazine*, June 13, 2019
- Featured, “[Eight Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2019 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine](#)”, *Sun-Sentinel*, June 13, 2019

- Featured, “Kelley Kronenberg Honored in the 2019 South Florida Legal Guide”, *Attorney at Law Magazine*, June 5, 2019
- Featured, “Kelley Kronenberg named one of South Florida’s “Top Law Firms”; Seven Partners also named in the 2019 South Florida Legal Guide”, *Legal Learning Series*, June 5, 2019
- Featured, “Guide”, *CityBizList*, June 5, 2019
- Featured, “On the Move”, *Daily Business Review*, November 16, 2018
- Featured, “On the Move”, *Florida Bar News*, November 15, 2018
- Featured, “People on the Move”, *Sun-Sentinel*, November 4, 2018
- Featured, “Class Actions November 2018?”, *Nova Southeastern University College of Law*, November 1, 2018
- Featured, “Business Monday”, *Miami Herald*, October 29, 2018
- Featured, “Gary L. Brown Rejoins Kelley Kronenberg as Featured”, “Construction Defect Litigator Gary L. Brown Rejoins Kelley Kronenberg”, *Attorney at Law Magazine*, October 24, 2018
- Featured, “Seasoned Construction Defect Litigator Gary L. Brown Rejoins Kelley Kronenberg after 10 Years”, *Sun-Sentinel*, October 24, 2018
- Featured, “Seasoned Construction Defect Litigator Gary L. Brown Rejoins Kelley Kronenberg after 10 Years”, *Legal Learning Series*, October 24, 2018

## Publications

- Author, Florida Construction Defect Litigation 2022, *Daily Business Review*, (originally published 2015)
- Co-Author, “Expert Witnesses in Construction Cases: Will They Be Admissible?”, *Construction Executive*, January 2021
- Author, Uniformity in Florida’s Construction Bond Laws Brings About Fairness for the Industry, *Construction Executive*, July 2020
- Author, Florida Construction Defect Litigation 2019, *Daily Business Review*, (originally published 2015)
- Author, “Managing The Risks of Emerging Technologies”, *Law360*, July 9, 2018
- Author, “United States: Florida’s Construction Defect Statute Undergoes Significant Changes in 2015”, *Mondaq*, March 16, 2016

## Representative Cases

- Kelley Kronenberg Secures Client’s Dismissal in Complex Construction Dispute, September 2023

## Certifications

- Board Certified, The Florida Bar – Construction Law

## Awards

- *Best Lawyers*, “The Best Lawyers in America”
  - Construction Law, 2021 – 2024
  - Litigation – Construction, 2021 – 2024
  - Commercial Litigation, 2021 – 2024
- *Super Lawyers Magazine*, Florida “Super Lawyers,” Construction Litigation, 2010 – 2019, 2023 – 2024
- *Chambers & Partners USA*, “Construction,” 2021 – 2024
- *The Boca Raton Observer*, “Top Lawyers,” 2022-2023
- *Fort Lauderdale Illustrated*, “Top Lawyer,” Construction Law, 2020 – 2022
- *South Florida Legal Guide*, “Top Lawyers,” 2012 – 2021
- *South Florida Legal Guide*, “Top Up & Comer,” 2011