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” She knows the ins and outs of every construction law in Florida.

- *Chambers USA*

Co-Chair of Akerman’s national Construction Practice, Board Certified by The Florida Bar in Construction Law, and a LEED® Accredited Professional, Stacy Bercun Bohm represents developers, contractors, subcontractors, and design professionals in complex construction contract, project administration, and pre-suit matters. She is one of the first lawyers in Florida to achieve both Board Certification and LEED accreditation. *Chambers USA* states, “She understands the industry and brings that knowledge to negotiations.”

Stacy structures and negotiates complex commercial and residential construction contracts for design and construction of healthcare facilities, offices and campuses, shopping centers, supermarkets, warehouses, mixed-use high rise buildings, hotels and condominiums, golf courses, custom designed homes, stadiums and arenas, retail, houses of worship, cultural arts centers and facilities, airport projects, and senior living facilities.

Stacy frequently works with clients to utilize alternative dispute resolution proceedings, such as arbitration and mediation, and has served as an arbitrator in American Arbitration Association and State Court Non-Binding Arbitration proceedings resolving construction issues related to contracts, payments, and construction defects. She also has a background litigating in both state and federal courts, having previously represented clients in construction disputes involving Chinese drywall, breach of contract, class actions, foreclosures, payments, bond claims, defects, and liens.

Areas of Experience

Construction
Class Action Defense
Construction Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Distressed Property
Healthcare Real Estate
Real Estate
Real Estate Litigation
Residential Land Acquisitions and Development
Senior Living and Care
Energy and Infrastructure
Financial Services
Health and Life Sciences
Hospitality
Renewable Energy and Electric Power

Education

J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 1994
B.S., University of Florida, 1991

Admissions

Bars

Florida

Courts

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

Related Content

Akerman Attorneys Provide Strategies to Protect Construction Projects from Tariff-Induced Risks
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Akerman Construction Practice Co-Chairs Rethink Contracts Amid Tariff Changes
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In addition to her ranking in *Chambers USA*, she is recognized by *The Legal 500* and was named one of the Top Women in Commercial Real Estate by the *Florida Real Estate Journal*.

Stacy Bercun Bohm and John Neary Appointed
Construction Practice Co-Chairs
December 09, 2024

Notable Work

Urban Redevelopment: Represented neighborhood developer in the Miami Design District, in connection with a planned \$500 million expansion in the District, expected to bring a boutique hotel and condominiums to the neighborhood and dramatically increase the District's retail, commercial and art exhibition space. Representation includes drafting and negotiating the design, construction, site work, LEED contracts, and other design and construction related matters.

Mixed-Use Beach District: Represented Faena Group in the Development of the Faena District, a three block long mixed-use project on Collins Avenue in Miami Beach expected by many to set the new luxury standard in South Florida for architecture, design culture and hospitality. Representation includes site plan approval, zoning and land use amendments and related development approvals, acquisition of additional property, design and construction contracts, and environmental matters. This project, located on the west side of Collins Avenue and designed by Rem Koolhaas and the Office of Metropolitan Architecture, includes an Arts Center, ballroom/assembly-type space, retail within the restored Atlantic Beach Hotel, and much needed parking within both an underground and above ground parking garage, the historic Saxony Hotel in Miami Beach, the construction of an adjacent condominium tower designed by Norman Foster, and development of the Versailles Hotel property as a luxury condominium project and renovation of the historic Claridge boutique hotel. Total investments exceeds \$700 million.

Luxury Hotels & Resorts: Represents Fort Capital Management, and its subsidiaries, the owners/developers of the historic landmark Surf Club, A Four Seasons Hotel and related Tower Condominium located in Surfside, in connection with various development, design, and construction matters, including drafting and negotiating site improvement, construction and design contracts, and other construction related matters. The approximate value of the project is \$500 million and is set on eight acres of pristine Atlantic oceanfront on Miami Beach immediately south of Bal Harbour.

Sports and Entertainment: Represented the City of Orlando on drafting and negotiation of the project construction agreement for an MLS Soccer Stadium, which addressed the design, construction, financing, use, and operation of a new soccer stadium in Orlando.

Published Work and Lectures

- *Lodging Magazine*, Co-Author, "Mind Your T's and C's: COVID-19 Terms and Conditions for Hotels," June 30, 2020
- *Hotel Business*, Co-Author, "'Clean and Safe' Certification: The Future for Hotels After COVID-19," May 29, 2020
- *Hospitality Net*, Co-Author, "A Closer Look at WHO's Hotel and Accommodation Provider Guidance," April 24, 2020
- *Bloomberg Law*, Co-Author, "Responding to Contractors' Notice of Delay Caused by Covid-19," April 20, 2020
- *BuilderOnline.com*, Co-Author, "Managing Construction During Coronavirus," April 7, 2020
- *HotelOnline*, Co-Author, "What to Do When a Guest or Worker in Your Hotel Is Diagnosed With Covid-19," April 7, 2020

- *Law360*, Co-author, “Make Sure To Own The Architectural Plans That You Paid For,” May 8, 2018
- *Law360*, Co-Author, “Protecting Hotel Brand Standards With Architect Agreements,” March 8, 2017
- *HOTELS Magazine*, Author, “Keep Construction Contracts As Well-Equipped As Guest Rooms,” January 30, 2017
- *REBusiness Online*, Co-Author, “Steps Every Landlord Should Take to Prevent Liens by its Tenant’s Contractors,” September 27, 2016
- *Construction Today* Blog, Co-Author, “After the Storm: Hurricane and Disaster Response Procedures for Ongoing Construction Projects,” November 2012

Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Member
- The Florida Bar, Construction Law Committee, Legislative Subcommittee, Member; Construction Law Committee, Past Vice Chair; Construction Board Certification Review Course, Past Member
- Dade County Trial Lawyers Association, Legal Assistance Program, Past Chairperson
- Dade County Bar Association E-mentoring Program, E-mentor
- Dade County Bar Association, Young Lawyer Section; Law Week Pro Bono Project, Past Chairman
- Dade County Bar Association, Young Lawyer Section; Law Week Pace Center for Girls Contest, Past Co-Chairman
- Dade County Bar Association, Construction Law Committee, Past Member; Civil Litigation Committee, Past Member; and Banking and Corporate Litigation Law Committee, Past Member
- Miami-Dade County Bar Association Kid’s Club, Member
- Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW), Fall Fundraiser Silent Auction Committee, Past Committee Chairperson; Sponsorship Committee, Past Member
- National Association for Women in Construction, Region 3, Past Professional Education Chair
- Lawyers for Children America, Volunteer Attorney Ad-Litem
- Put Something Back and Miami-Dade Consumer Services Department Small Claims Clinic, Volunteer Attorney
- Make a Wish Foundation, Past Member
- The Women’s Fund, Raise the Bar Host Committee, Past Member

Honors and Distinctions

- Board Certified in Construction Law, The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization & Education
- U.S. Green Building Council LEED® Accredited Professional (LEED AP)
- Certified Arbitrator
- American Arbitration Association Neutral/Arbitrator, Listed on AAA Panel of Construction Arbitrators
- *Best Lawyers*, 2013-2025, Listed in Florida for Construction Law
- *Chambers USA*, 2010-2024, Ranked in Florida for Construction
- *Bisnow*, 2024, South Florida Women Leading Real Estate Awards, “Deal Maker of the Year”
- *GlobeSt*, 2024, “Women of Influence” Honoree for the CRE Legal Counsel Category

- *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2019-2024, Listed in Florida for Construction Litigation: Business; 2006-2010, 2013-2018, Listed in Florida for Construction Litigation: Business, General Litigation, and Class Action/Mass Torts; 2015, Listed in Florida as one of the “Top 50 Women Lawyers”
- *The Legal 500*, 2011, 2013-2024, Recommended for Real Estate and Construction - Construction; 2023-2024 Recognized as a “Leading Lawyer”
- *City & State Florida*, 2023, The Florida Construction Power 100
- *GlobeSt Real Estate Forum*, 2021 “Women of Influence” Honoree
- *Fort Lauderdale Illustrated*, Recognized as a “Top Lawyer in Broward County” for Construction Law, 2021-2022
- *Florida Trend’s Legal Elite*, 2004, Listed as “Up and Coming”; 2012, 2015, 2018, Listed for Construction
- *Business Leader Magazine* 2011, Recognized as a “South Florida Women Extraordinaire”
- *The Legal 500*, 2010, Recommended on the East Coast for Construction; 2009, Recommended in the Southeast for Construction
- *Florida Real Estate Journal*, 2007, Recognized as a “Top Woman in Commercial Real Estate”
- Dade County Bar Association E-Mentoring Program 2006, E-Mentor of the Year
- Eleventh Judicial Circuit and Dade County Bar Association 2005, Pro Bono Service Award