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William G. McCormick concentrates his diverse litigation practice in construction, land use and real estate related matters, as well as general commercial litigation.

Mr. McCormick has significant experience representing owners and contractors in construction defect, construction lien and delay claims. His construction law practice also includes significant experience negotiating and drafting owner/contractor, owner/architect and subcontractor agreements.

As a land-use litigator, Mr. McCormick has represented numerous local, statewide and national clients in administrative and quasi-judicial proceedings throughout the State of Florida involving code enforcement, permitting, special exceptions, variances and other zoning and land use matters. Through his extensive land use practice, Mr. McCormick has gained significant experience, knowledge and insight into state, local and national laws regulating the outdoor advertising industry, and has drafted or participated in the drafting of several municipal ordinances related to off-site advertising.

Mr. McCormick also maintains an extensive real estate litigation practice, in which he represents homeowners and condominium associations in covenant enforcement, assessment collection and general association governance issues. Mr. McCormick's real estate litigation practice also includes significant experience in commercial and residential foreclosure matters, easement litigation and a wide variety of other real property disputes.

As a commercial litigator, Mr. McCormick has a broad range of experience representing clients in cases involving business torts, employee non-competition agreements, commercial and residential landlord-tenant matters, shareholder disputes and a wide range of contract and other complex business disputes.

Of Note

Significant Representations

- Obtained a summary judgment and attorney fee award for defendant in 2.5 million dollar tortious interference action brought by attorney alleging that defendant had caused attorney's discharge in contingency fee case where former client obtained a multimillion dollar verdict.

Areas of Practice

- COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LAW
- CONSTRUCTION
 - Counseling and Contracts
 - Litigation
- GOVERNMENTAL
 - Administrative/Government Relations/Land Use
- LITIGATION - CIVIL
 - Commercial
 - Construction
 - Consumer Law, Creditors Remedies and Bankruptcy
 - Foreclosures
 - Land Use Litigation
- REAL ESTATE
 - Condominium and Homeowner Association Documentation

Industries

- Construction
- Manufactured Housing
- Real Estate

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Education

- J.D., *magna cum laude*, St. Thomas University School of Law, 1997
- Graduated top 3% of class
- Member, St. Thomas Law Review
- Recipient, St. Thomas University School of Law Academic Scholarship
- Recipient, Dan Bradley Memorial Scholarship
- Recipient, Best in Class Honors in Legal Research & Writing; Advanced Legal Research & Writing; Trial Advocacy Practice; Interviewing, Counseling & Negotiating; Torts; Contracts; Environmental Law; Professional Responsibility; and Race & The Law
- B.S.B.A., University of Florida, 1991

Bar Admissions

- Florida
- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. Supreme Court

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- Obtained variance for shopping center owner in Hillsborough County, allowing owner to maintain existing on-site signage well in excess of signage presently permitted by code. Only variance approved out of more than 150 applications filed with County.
- Successfully negotiated agreement with Palm Beach County municipality for the erection and maintenance of billboards on city-owned property by major outdoor advertising company, which included drafting a new sign ordinance for adoption by the city commission.
- Successfully represented one of the nation's largest outdoor advertising companies in numerous code enforcement actions throughout the state.
- Successfully represented American Kennel Club judge in defamation action, involving defamatory statements made through an Internet chat forum.
- Represents 3,000 unit homeowners association in multimillion dollar construction defect case against major national developer.

Memberships

- Broward County Bar Association
- Dean's Board of Advisors - St. Thomas University School of Law, 2006-present
- The Florida Bar - Civil Procedure Rules Committee, 2001-2007
- The Florida Bar - Judicial Administration Rules Committee, 2006-2007
- The Florida Bar - Code & Rules of Evidence Committee, 2000-2001
- The Florida Bar - Client's Security Fund Committee, 1999-2000
- American Bar Association

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