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Practice & Industry Areas

- Business Litigation
- Construction Law

Education

- Washington and Lee University School of Law, J.D., 2013
- Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2010

Bar & Court Admissions

- Florida, 2014
 - Board Certified in Construction Law, 2022
- United States District Court, Northern District of Florida
- United States District Court, Middle District of Florida
- United States District Court, Southern District of Florida

Overview

Kellie Humphries is a board certified, full-service commercial construction attorney who co-leads Gunster's Construction Law practice. She advises clients participating in a multitude of project delivery methods and across industry sectors including corporate owners, design-builders, EPC contractors, joint ventures and general contractors. Her typical cases range from contract drafting/negotiation to project consulting and pre-suit dispute resolution through trial/final hearing.

Kellie's services include simplifying complex agreements and training project teams on risk identification and mitigation. She also has extensive experience prosecuting and defending payment/change order claims, delay actions, construction defects, and related issues.

Kellie is dedicated to an advocacy style that is both calculated and "big picture" driven, while striving to advise clients on strategies to best serve their interests, both legal and

financial.

Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Construction Litigation, 2022-24
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Business Edition: The Litigation Issue, 2021
- Florida *Super Lawyers*, “Rising Star,” 2021-23

Publications & Presentations

- “Critical Provisions in Owner/Design-Builder Contracts,” co-presenter, Design Build Institute of America, Florida Annual Conference, October 2, 2020
- “Evaluating Risk in the Midst of a Pandemic,” co-presenter, Design Build Institute of America, Florida Region, May 21, 2020
- “Be Careful What You Sign: Contractually Raising the Standard of Care,” ABA Forum on Construction: Insurance, Surety and Liens, (Division 7 Newsletter) September 2015

Professional Associations & Memberships

- Design-Build Institute of America, 2016-present
 - Florida Region
 - President, 2023
 - Executive Board, 2020-present
 - Board of Directors, 2019-present
 - Northeast Florida Chapter, Chair, 2019
 - Chapter of the Year winner (awarded to chair), 2019
 - Florida Region Rising Star, 2019
- Florida Bar
 - Board of Legal Specialization and Education
 - Construction Law Certification Committee Member, 2023-present
 - Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, 2014-present
 - Construction Law Committee, 2014-present
 - Publications Subcommittee, Chair, 2017-20
 - Legislative Subcommittee, Co-Chair, 2021
- American Bar Association
 - Young Lawyers Division, past participant
 - Construction Law Forum, past participant
- Jacksonville Bar Association
 - Young Lawyers Section, 2014-present
 - Construction Law Section, 2014-present

- Chester Bedell American Inn of Court
 - Associate, 2015-16

Civic & Community Service

- Leadership Jacksonville, Class of 2021
- Junior League of Jacksonville, 2013-16
- Make-A-Wish Central and Northern Florida
 - Jacksonville Advisory Board
 - Wishmaker's Ball
 - Event Chair, 2023
 - Wish Madness Jax
 - Event Chair, 2019
 - Auction Subcommittee Chair, 2018