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Michael Barzyk brings more than two decades of experience in civil litigation, including first-party property coverage, construction defect litigation, general insurance defense and professional liability.

He has a strong track record of successfully trying property and casualty loss cases to verdict in courts throughout Florida.

Michael currently serves as chair of the firm's Construction practice group. He is a certified instructor with the State of Florida, Department of Financial Services providing continuing education to licensed insurance adjusters. He also presents CLE courses on best practices to lawyers and insurance professionals and in-service seminars to insurance companies.

Earlier in his career, Michael was an assistant state attorney in Miami-Dade County, where he litigated more than 40 jury trials to verdict. After leaving the state attorney's office, he went into private practice litigating medical malpractice and complex personal injury cases.

He is currently a member of the Florida Bar, the Broward County Bar Association, the Florida Defense Lawyers Association and the DRI. Michael is a member of the firm's Strategic Planning Committee.

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Chair, Construction Law Section, Broward County Bar Association

Practice Highlights

Representative Matters

- Secured a defense verdict in a premises liability trial where the plaintiff sought more than \$250,000 in damages.
- Obtained summary judgment in a first-party property claim where a vendor under an assignment of benefit contract was seeking more than \$100,000 in roof damages.
- Successfully defended a general contractor client in a multimillion-dollar construction defect claim involving a high-rise condominium.
- Successfully defended a brass ball valve supplier in a \$10 million product liability claim.

PRACTICE AREAS

- [Construction Litigation & Counseling](#)
- [Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith](#)
- [Professional Liability](#)
- [Transportation](#)

EDUCATION

- Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, J.D., 1999
- Bowling Green State University, B.S., 1986

ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

- Secured the dismissal of an administrative complaint filed by the Florida Department of Health against an oral surgeon and a separate complaint filed against an internal medicine physician.
- Secured the dismissal of a negligence claim against a landowner involving a slip and fall in a parking lot with damages in excess of \$100,000.
- Secured summary judgment in a premises liability case involving a plaintiff who fell and claimed a brain injury and loss of earning capacity.

News & Events

NEWS 07.06.22

Michael Barzyk and Ian Singer Win Appeal for a Homeowner's Insurance Company

EVENTS 03.31.22

Michael F. Barzyk and Ian P. Singer Present Case Law Study Hall Webinar

NEWS 02.15.22

Announcing the 2022 Segal McCambridge Shareholder Promotions

EVENTS 11.11.20

Michael Barzyk Presents at the Perrin National Construction Defect Conference

Publications

Speaking Engagements:

- "Ethics and Tripartite Relationship," National Perrin Webinar, 2021
- "Law and Ethics Update – Ethical Requirements," Florida Liability Claims Conference (FLCC), 2019
- "Law and Ethics Update," Berkshire Hathaway Insurance Company, 2018
- "Case Law Update – Construction Law Year in Review," Broward County Bar Association, Construction Law Section, 2016
- "The Defense of Wrongful Death Claims," Nova Southeastern University Law School, 2015
- "Chapter 558 Construction Defect Claims," American Empire Insurance Company, 2010

ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS 07.14.20

OSHA Attempts Mitigation of Construction-Based COVID-19 Concerns

