

## Dara L. Dawson

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### Overview

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Dara Dawson is an associate in the firm's Tampa office. Dara joined Mills Paskert Divers in 2012 after practicing with a well-respected firm in Miami for several years, where she represented a diverse group of clients in the areas of construction, aviation, and product liability law. Here, Dara's practice is devoted to the resolution of complex commercial litigation disputes primarily involving construction defect claims and surety matters. Dara is licensed to practice in state and federal courts in Florida, and has significant experience litigating matters in both forums. She has successfully represented numerous general contractors and others in the construction industry, and concentrates her efforts in each case on reaching an effective and efficient resolution for her client.



### Practice Areas

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Complex Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Suretyship

### Admitted to Practice

- All Florida State Courts
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida

## Education

- › University of Florida Levin College of Law, J.D., 2008, *cum laude*
  - › Journal of Law and Public Policy member
- › Villanova University, B.A., 2005, *cum laude*
  - › Villanova Scholarship recipient
  - › College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Medallion Award recipient

## Professional Involvement

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## Professional, Trade, and Philanthropic Affiliations

- › American Bar Association
  - › Tort and Insurance Practice Section
  - › Fidelity and Surety Law Committee
  - › Litigation Section
  - › Forum on the Construction Industry
- › The Florida Bar
  - › Trial Lawyers Section
- › The Hillsborough County Bar Association
  - › Trial Lawyers Section
  - › Construction Law Section

## Publications & Speaking

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## Selected Publications

- › Author, "Still Cannot Escape Being an Unlicensed Contractor," Hillsborough County Bar Association *Lawyer Magazine*, Vol. 23 No. 7, Summer 2013 Issue.

