Y. Lisa Colon

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**Profile** 

Lisa Colon is an accomplished attorney who is Board Certified in Construction Law by the Florida Bar. She has 2 decades of counselling clients in all aspects of construction, real estate development, and government contracts. Lisa represents businesses and professionals in all aspects real estate development, public and private construction, and procurement matters. Lisa provides advice and representation through the development and construction process.

Lisa has extensive experience drafting contracts across a variety of project delivery systems including design-build, Public Private Partnerships (PPP) and construction manager at risk. Lisa was recently engaged as Project Counsel for government contracting compliance for the largest Public project in Broward County. Lisa negotiated a \$295,000,000 contract on behalf of an airline client for the expansion of Terminal 1 in Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. She recently was involved in the development of a \$300 million dollar mixed use condominium project.

She is also an accomplished litigator. She has handled trials and arbitration matters on behalf of a variety of construction industry clients. Lisa is also a certified Arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association presiding over Construction and Consumer cases. She is also a Florida Supreme Court Mediator.

Lisa frequently lectures and writes on Construction law and industry matters.

**Experience** 

SAUL EWING ARNSTEIN & LEHR

February 2021-Present

Partner

SMITH, CURRIE & HANCOCK, LLP, Fort Lauderdale, FL

November 2008 to January 2021

Partner

# BECKER (formerly Becker & Poliakoff) Fort Lauderdale, FL

2006-2008

Construction Litigation Associate Attorney

#### ARAN CORREA, GUARCH, P.A. Coral Gables, FL

2000-2006

Associate Attorney

### **Education**

University of Miami School of Law, J.D. (cum laude) University of Miami, B.A.

#### **Bar Admissions**

State of Florida including United States District Courts State of New York

#### **Recent Seminars**

NYC Bar Association, Construction Law Committee, "Construction Contracts", Jan. 2022
National Business Institute, Construction Contracts 2022, Jan 27, 2022
National Business Institute, "Construction Law 2021", Jan 2021
Practising Law Institute, "Building Better Construction Contracts, 2020, December 11, 2020
Construction Lawyers Society Association "Marketing Strategies for Diverse Attorneys" –
September 2019

Contractor's License Renewal Course-August 2019- Atlanta GA.

Lorman Seminars "Miller Act Claims Litigation" - May 2019

Legal Pitfalls of Sustainable Construction & Energy Related Products - April 4, 2019 - Fort Lauderdale, FL

NBI Construction Law Advanced Issues and Answers, Fort Lauderdale, FL - March 26, 2019 How to Create a Minority & Small Business Plan Within Your City - July 26, 2018 - Hollywood, FL

Contractor License Renewal Course - May 10 & 11, 2018 - Coconut Creek, FL
National Association of Minority Contractors - Construction Law Workshop - October 21, 2017 Fife, WA

## **Articles and Publications**

"Government Contracting Preference Programs After Schuette: What's Next? Achieving Parity Through Race Neutral Methods. The Construction Lawyer Vol. 35, Number 1 Winter 2015.

"Implied Duty of Good Faith and Fair Dealing Lives!" Common Sense Contract Law, March 24, 2014.

"Design-Build, Then and Now: Why Design-Build Has Taken Off and What You Need to Know About It" ABA Fall Meeting, September 2013.

"Tolling Agreements and Little Miller Act Bonds", Common Sense Contract Law, March 15, 2012.

"Federal Prompt Payment Act – Accuracy is Critical", Common Sense Contract Law, March 2, 2012

Awards and Recognitions

Fellow, American Bar Association, Forum on Construction Law

Fellow, Construction Lawyers of Society of America

2019, Diversity Law Institute Award.

2012, Florida Super Lawyers.