

# Florida Bar Appoints Attorney Steve B. Lesser Chair of Construction Law Certification Committee

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**FT. LAUDERDALE, FL, April 20, 2012** - Becker & Poliakoff is proud to announce that attorney **Steven B. Lesser** has been appointed to serve as chair of the Florida Bar's Construction Law Certification Committee. The Committee is responsible for establishing standards for board certification of construction lawyers in Florida including the preparation and grading of the certification exam

Mr. Lesser, who heads the firm's Construction Law & Litigation Practice Group, will serve a one-year term as Chair effective July 1, 2012.

"Board certification is an important step in professional growth and development," said Mr. Lesser. "The degree of study required is difficult and challenging but it gives you more confidence and a better perspective about your area of practice. Board Certification is the pinnacle of any Florida lawyer's career."

Mr. Lesser, who received Florida Bar Board Certification in construction law in 2005, devotes his practice exclusively to construction law and litigation. In 2011, he was named "Construction Lawyer of the Year" for South Florida by Best Lawyers in America, a peer review rating publication for legal professionals. He was one of only two lawyers in Florida to receive the designation and the only one in South Florida.

Mr. Lesser is also a Florida Certified Circuit Civil Mediator focusing on complex construction matters involving defective work and delay related claims and a certified arbitrator on construction issues for the American Arbitration Association.

He has substantial experience representing owners, developers, contractors, design professionals, and government entities in a variety of construction cases.

Board certification is the Florida Bar's highest level of recognition of an attorney's competence and experience in one or more of the 24 areas of law approved for certification by the Supreme Court of Florida. Only attorneys who have earned the Florida Bar's "board-certification" distinction are allowed to describe themselves as legal specialists or experts in a specific field of practice.

Lawyers certified in construction law deal with matters relating to the design and construction of improvements on private and public projects including construction dispute resolution, contract negotiation, preparation, award and administration,

lobbying in governmental hearings, oversight and document review, construction lending and insurance, construction licensing, and the analysis and litigation of problems arising out of the Florida Construction Lien Law and the federal Miller Act.

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