

SAM ZESKIND

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Sam Zeskind is a business-minded trial lawyer focused on construction, commercial, complex business, municipal/governmental and community association disputes, as well as mediation and arbitration. Sam's appellate practice includes cases before Florida's District Courts of Appeal and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Sam's recent government litigation experience includes representing dozens of local government entities across the state in defending their respective red light camera programs in federal and state court, including the defense of a multi-million dollar class action lawsuit. He has also defended municipalities in public records claims, as well as tort and contract claims.

In the construction field, Sam represents owners, contractors, engineers, and government entities in multi-million dollar claims. He has defended construction defect involving a variety of facilities, including an amphitheater, a stormwater system, a jet fuel farm at an airport terminal, and an agricultural research center.

Sam also represents condominium and homeowner's associations in claims to enforce restrictive covenants and abate nuisances and in breach of contract and wrongful eviction claims.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Code Enforcement
- Governmental Affairs and Procurement
- Elections
- Construction Contract Drafting and Negotiation
- Sports, Arts and Entertainment
- Community Association, Club and Resort
- Administrative Proceedings
- Appellate
- Civil Rights and Torts
- Complex Commercial
- Constitutional Challenges

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- St. Thomas Law School, Dean's Advisory Board

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Florida Rising Star, Florida Super Lawyers, 2012-2017

PRESS MENTIONS

- *Court Dismisses Bid to Block Fernandina Beach Paid Parking Ordinance*, Fernandina Observer, December 31, 2025
  City rejects $6.6 million RYAM property demand, Fernandina Observer, November 6, 2025
- *No decision during hearing of Alfie Oakes v. Collier School Board over superintendent*, Naples Daily News, June 8, 2023
- *Holiday Inn settlement approved; vacant hotel will be demolished*, New Pelican, July 1, 2020
- *Fla. City Wins Reversal Of Ruling Against Red-Light Cameras*, Law360, June 24, 2020
- *Ed Guedes & Sam Zeskind: Judge Dismisses Red-Light Camera Class Action Against Cities*, Daily Business Review, July 17, 2018
- *City Officials' Cell Phone Records: Complete or Incomplete?* Miami Herald, March 27, 2016

REPORTED DECISIONS

- *Jimenez v. State, et. al.*, 246 So. 3d 219 (Fla. 2018)
- *City of Homestead v. McDonough*, 232 So. 3d 1069 (Fla. 3d DCA 2017)
- *State ex rel. City of Aventura v. Jimenez*, 211 So. 3d 158 (Fla. 3d DCA 2016)
- *City of Oldsmar v. Trinh*, 210 So. 3d 191 (Fla. 2d DCA 2016)
- *Florida Atty. Gen v. Jimenez*, 180 So. 3d 248 (Fla. 3d DCA 2015)
- *City of Hollywood v. Arem*, 154 So. 3d 359 (Fla. 4th DCA 2014)
- *American Engineering and Development Corp. v. Town of Highland Beach*, 20 So. 3d 1000 (Fla. 4th DCA 2009)

- Construction Claims and Defense
- Governmental Actions and Defense

ADMISSIONS

Florida, 2007

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, 2009

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, 2017

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida, 2014

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 2011

EDUCATION

St. Thomas University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2007

University of Florida, M.A., Sport Management, 2003

University of Florida, B.A., Business Administration/Minor - Economics, 2002