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C. David Harper is a litigation lawyer focusing his practice in the areas of construction, real property litigation, and business litigation. He is board certified in construction law by the Florida Bar and is the former vice chair of Foley's Construction Practice and a member of the Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance (ESG) Team.

David was a federal judicial intern for the Hon. Elizabeth A. Kovachevich and a federal bankruptcy intern for the Hon. Alexander L. Paskay.

Representative Experience

His work has resulted in several published and other decisions, including:

- Len-CG South, LLC v. Champions Club Condominium Assoc., Inc., 2022 WL 980910 (Fla. 5th DCA 2022)
- Hayslip v. U.S. Home Corporation, 336 So. 3d 207 (Fla. 2022)
- Endurance Am. Spec. Ins. Co. v. L. Pellinen Construction, Inc., 2021 WL 5264673 (11th Cir. 2021)
- Lennar Homes, LLC v. Danielle McKenna and Lanai Land Trust, LLC, 2021 WL 3701450 (Fla. 2d DCA 2021)
- Riverside Heights Development, LLC v. City of Tampa, 313 So. 3d 776 (Fla. 2d DCA 2020)
- Endurance Am. Spec. Ins. Co. v. L. Pellinen Construction, Inc., 2019 WL 5802508 (M.D. Fla. 2019)
- Hayslip v. U.S. Home Corporation, 276 So. 3d 109 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2019)
- Warke v. Lennar Homes, LLC, 2018 LEXIS 2314 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2018)
- Busch v. Lennar Homes, LLC, 219 So. 3d 93 (Fla. 5th DCA 2017)
- CMH Homes, Inc. v. LSFC Co., 118 So. 3d 964 (Fla. 1st DCA 2013)
- American Community Networks, LLC v. Len Paradise, LLC, 115 So. 3d 372 (Fla. 5th DCA 2013)
- United States v. Durniak, 2013 LEXIS 92006 (M.D. Fla. 2013)
- Posen Construction v. Lee County, 921 F. Supp. 2d 1350 (M.D. Fla. 2013)
- Vila & Son Landscaping Corp. v. Posen Construction, Inc., 99 So. 3d 563 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2012)

- Way Bail Bond, Inc. v. Safety Nat'l Cas. Corp., 94 So. 3d 589 (Fla. 1st DCA 2012)
- CRW Systems v. Sarasota County, 15 So. 3d 585 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2009)
- Fireline Restoration, Inc. v. BSR Electrical, Inc., 8 SO. 3d 361 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2009)
- Accela, Inc. v. Sarasota County, 993 So. 2d 1035 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2008)
- Harrell v. Farm Credit of Northwest Florida, 2006 LEXIS 99867 (M.D. Fla. 2006)
- Accela, Inc. v. Sarasota County, 901 So. 2d 237 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2005)
- State Constr. & Engineering Corp. v. Condotte Am. Inc., 368 F. Supp. 2d 1296 (S.D. Fla. 2005)
- Assad v. Bekhit, 892 So. 2d 1021 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2004)
- J. Sourini Painting v. Johnson Paints, 809 So. 2d 95 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2002).

Awards and Recognitions

- Stand-out Lawyer, *Thomson Reuters* (2025)
- Selected as a Legal Elite™ by *Florida Trend Magazine*
- Selected as an Up & Comer by the *Tampa Bay Business Journal*
- Recognized by the Gulf Coast Business Review as “Forty Under 40” (2010)
- Selected for inclusion in *Florida Super Lawyers®* for his construction law work (2009)
- Recognized by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the practice area of construction law (2021-2025)

Affiliations

- Director of Hope Children's Home
- Member of The Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar
- Former chair of the American Bar Association's Single Family Residential Committee
- Former vice chair of Foley's Construction Practice
- Member of and a former director of the 7:24 Foundation, Inc.
- Former director and secretary of the Pediatric Cancer Foundation, Inc.
- Former director of the Boca Grande Pass Enhancement Fund, Inc.
- Former member of the Hillsborough County Judicial Liaison Committee
- Previously served on the Personnel Committee at his church, South Tampa Fellowship

Presentations and Publications

- Co-author, “The Impact of Bankruptcy,” Florida Construction Law and Practice (10th Edition)
- Author, “Florida's New Energy Code Requirements: Can Florida Construction Industry Benefit Despite Rising Costs?” Southeastern Construction Law/Courtroom, October 2007
- Co-author and lecturer for National Business Institute: “FDCPA Compliance for the Florida Practitioner”
- Lecturer for Sterling Educational Services, LLC: “Business Litigation: from pre-filing concerns through closing arguments and trial”
- Co-author and lecturer for National Business Institute: “Construction Payment Remedies in Florida”
- Co-author and lecturer for Lorman Education Services: “Construction Litigation in Florida”
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Sectors

- Consumer Products
- Energy & Infrastructure
- Manufacturing
- Oil & Gas
- Power & Renewables
- Smart Manufacturing
- Supply Chain
- Sustainability & Product Stewardship

Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG)
- Litigation

Education

- Stetson University College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1996)
 - Member and assistant editor of the Stetson Law Review
- University of Florida (B.S., 1993)
 - Finance

Admissions

- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit