



## Tina Bird

Partner

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### PRACTICES

- Business Litigation
- Construction & Real Estate Litigation
- Real Estate

### EDUCATION

- University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law, J.D.
- University of Florida, B.A.

### ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Illinois USDC, Northern District

### EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2023-Present
- Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP Partner
- Freeborn & Peters LLP Partner
- Clark Hill PLC Partner

Tina Bird has extensive experience on a national level representing major clients in business, construction and real estate. She has the necessary industry experience and tools to assist with the needs of her clients throughout the entire timeline of construction projects of all sizes.

She has negotiated multi-million dollar contracts and represented large developers as well as general contractors across the country. Her practice includes drafting and negotiating contracts; dispute resolutions; arbitration and mediation; corporate transactions; real estate litigation; claim preparation; project analysis and civil trials. Her clients include owners, builders, construction managers, designers, architects, suppliers, contractors and subcontractors in all aspects of their business transactions. She has been leader of a real estate and construction litigation team.

Tina received her B.A. from the University of Florida with highest honors and her J.D. from the University of Florida with honors, where she served as a Board Member and on *Law Review*.

### Experience

- **Negotiated multi-million dollar contracts for the construction of the Zurich American headquarters, Trump Tower and McCormick Place expansion project.**
- **Represented large developers in breach of contract claims including projects in Maryland and Florida.**
- **Successfully prosecuted multi-million dollar contractor claim concerning construction of the Cleveland Browns stadium.**
- **Represented large national developer in securing disputed zoning rights for construction of a multi-million dollar shopping center.**
- **Defended a construction company against breach of warranty claims as to construction of a subdivision of single-family homes.**
- **Represented and was successful on behalf of numerous subcontractors in asserting mechanic's lien claims on both public and private projects, and general contractors on private projects, including the preparation of the actual liens and the prosecution of the lien litigation.**

### COMMUNITY

- American Bar Association, Forum on Construction
- Chicago Bar Association, Past Chair, Mechanics' Lien and Construction Committee
- Federation of Women Contractors
- Society of Illinois Construction Attorneys (SOICA), Founding Board Member, Steering Committee, 2020 - Present, President, Young Men's Service League – Naperville Chapter, Parliamentarian, 2017 - 2023

### RECOGNITIONS

- Ranked in Chambers USA (by Chambers & Partners) for Construction, 2022-2023
- Crain's Chicago Business Notable Women in Law, 2022
- Listed, Illinois Leading Lawyers (by Law Bulletin Media ©), 2017-2022
- Listed, Illinois Super Lawyers (by Thomson Reuters), 2017-2022

- **Successfully appealed a trial court decision resulting in the creation of mechanic's lien rights for trucking and hauling of construction material.**
- **Negotiated a multi-million dollar settlement on behalf of a municipality in a waste water treatment facility design defect case.**

### Presentations

- Panelist, "Succeeding in a Male-Dominant Legal Field" Women, Diversity & Change Summit, June 6, 2019
- Moderator, "Chicago Construction & Development 2018: Megadevelopments Challenging the Status Quo" Bisnow, May 2, 2018
- "Illinois Mechanics' Liens," Illinois Continuing Legal Education, September 2012, 2011 and February 2007
- "Construction Concerns and Considerations for Higher Education," URMIA (University Risk Management and Insurance Association), (September 2012 and June 2011)
- "E-Discovery for Modern Day Business," February and July 2006
- "Change Orders in Illinois," Lorman Presentation, June 2005 and June 2006
- "Illinois Mechanics' Liens," Half Moon LLC Presentation, September 2005
- "Illinois Mechanics' Liens," Chicago Bar Association Seminar, December 2012, 2005 and 2004

### Publications

Co-author of three chapters in the Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education: LEED in Construction, Construction Law Dispute, and Claims Against Sureties