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Meredith A. Freeman is a partner in the Tampa office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where she is a member of the Construction Litigation Practice Group.

Meredith is Board Certified in Construction Law by the Florida Bar and practices primarily in the areas of construction and business litigation. Meredith has experience in handling a variety of construction related matters, including claims against design professionals, construction defects claims, and delay claims. Meredith is also experienced in drafting and negotiating construction contracts.

In her business litigation practice, Meredith is experienced in handling complex civil litigation matters in state and federal courts, including contract disputes, real estate disputes, and other general business litigation matters. She has represented clients in cases spanning a wide range of industries, including insurance, real estate, construction, accounting, and banking.

Meredith is a member of the Construction Law Committee of the Real Property & Probate Law Section of the Florida Bar and previously served on the Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee, which is a Florida Bar Standing Committee. She is also a graduate of Leadership Tampa Class of 2017. Meredith was selected as a 2019 Fellow for the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Counsel (LCLD), during which time she participated in a landmark program created by LCLD to identify, train and advance the next generation of leaders in the legal profession. Meredith served on Tampa Mayor Jane Castor's 2020 Development Services Advisory Team. She is the immediate past Chair of the Board of Directors for the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay. Meredith also serves on the Board of Directors for the Skills Center.

Practice Areas

Construction

Litigation

Industry Focus

Construction

Accolades

- Florida Bar Board Certified in Construction Law
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Construction Law, Up and Coming, 2022
- *Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Commercial Litigation, 2021, 2023
 - Litigation-Construction, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
 - Litigation-Real Estate, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
 - Construction Law, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- 2019 Fellow for the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Counsel (LCLD)
- *Florida Super Lawyers*
 - Rising Star, Construction Litigation, 2013-2018
 - *Super Lawyers*, Construction Litigation, 2019-2022
- *Florida Trend*, Legal Elite
 - Up & Comer, 2015
 - Construction, 2018
- Palm Beach Gardens Community High School Sports Hall of Fame, 2016 Inaugural Class
- Recipient of Judge Frank White Diversity Scholarship

Education

- Stetson University, J.D., *cum laude*, 2004
 - Trial Team
 - Concentration in Trial Advocacy
- Columbus State University, B.S., *cum laude*, 2000

Bar Admissions

Florida

Meredith A. Freeman

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

Professional and Civic

- Development Services Advisory Team Member - City of Tampa, 2020 (appointed by Mayor Jane Castor)
- Crisis Center of Tampa Bay
 - Chair of the Board, 2021
 - Board Member, 2017-2021
- Skills Center
 - Board of Directors, 2022
- Federal Bar Association, Tampa Chapter
 - Board Member, 2014-2016
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- Academy of Florida Trial Attorneys
- George Edgecomb Bar Association
- Florida Bar Leadership Academy, Fellow, 2014-2015
- Tampa Connection 2010 Graduate
- The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Tampa Class of 2017
- Board Member, Crisis Center of Tampa Bay

Publications

- Contributing Author, State-by-State Guide to Design and Construction Contracts and Claims, Aspen Publishers, Michael Dodd and J. Duncan Findley, 2011-2012
- Co-author, "Retention and Promotion of Female Attorneys – What Can We Do Better?," *Lawyer* magazine, May 2014