



## WILLIAM O. DIAB

### Associate

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William O. Diab is an associate on the firm's Dispute Resolution Team and Construction Law practice. His practice focuses on complex commercial litigation and construction litigation in state, federal and appellate courts, as well as institutional arbitration. William represents institutional clients and investors in business frauds, partnership disputes, and breaches of fiduciary duties. William also represents developers, design professionals and general contractors in claims for construction defects and delays, design professional liability, government bid protests, and appeals. He is regularly called to use his foresight in litigation and risk mitigation to counsel clients throughout the various phases of construction projects and advise on the drafting and negotiation of complex, multi-tiered construction contracts, modifications, and other project emergencies.

### Education

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J.D., Florida International University College of Law  
B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy, American University of Beirut

### Bar Admissions

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Florida  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida  
New York

## Practice Teams

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Dispute Resolution

## Practice Areas

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Construction

Construction Litigation

Complex Commercial Litigation

## Foreign Languages

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- Arabic

## Representative Matters

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- Defended a national steel and primer manufacturer against a multi-million-dollar construction defect claim by a high-end residential condominium association resulting in a favorable settlement for a minimal amount at mediation.
- Defended an international architectural firm against claims for design errors and omissions and dereliction of construction administration duties resulting in allegedly millions of dollars' worth of delays and cost overruns, settling the case at a nuisance value on favorable terms to the client.
- Represented individual developer against developer entity and business partner for fraudulent transfers, breach of the operating agreement, and breach of fiduciary duties over the mismanagement of several residential buildings on Miami Beach, resulting in a multi-million-dollar cash-out settlement for the client.
- Prosecuted non-payment claim on behalf glass manufacturer and supplier against a subcontractor and surety on a public works project in Miami-Dade County, and defended against counter claims for defective product and breach of contract. The trial court entered a money judgment in favor of the client. The appellate court affirmed the favorable judgment.
- Regularly drafts master construction, design, and supplier contracts for developer corporations, architectural firms, and general contractors. Also prepares and negotiates construction contracts with subcontractors, design professionals, and government bodies in connection with high-end residential buildings, commercial real estate, and infrastructure projects in Florida, as well as a mixed residential and hotel resort in the Cayman Islands.

## Awards & Honors

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- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, "Ones to Watch", 2024

## Community Activities / Associations

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- Editor of the Middle East Review, a publication of the ABA International Law Section (2018-2021)
- Florida Bar, International Law Section.
- Florida Bar, Business Law Section.

## In the News

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AIA Fort Lauderdale selects William Diab to serve on the newly formed Resiliency & Aging Building Committee  
June 9, 2022

## **Publications**

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The Hartford's Blueprint for Design Professionals "After COVID-19: Risk Management for Architects and Engineers"

September 3, 2020

American Bar Association's Middle East Review "Tailor-Made Jurisdictions: Arbitration in the DIFC"

May 2, 2018

International Bar Association's Anti-Corruption's Committee Update "State Asset Recovery in Guyana"

October 3, 2017

## **Events & Speaking Engagements**

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William Diab, Panelist, "Structural Integrity of Condos - Still Searching for Answers," Tower Forum

April 6, 2023

William Diab, Presenter, "Foresight from Hindsight: Transactional Practice Tips from Seasoned Construction Litigators", Construction & Insurance Law Webinar Series

October 20, 2021

## **Doing Business in Florida Blog**

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A Primer on Florida's Construction Lien Law

September 22, 2021

## **Prior Affiliations**

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- Daniels, Rodriguez, Berkeley, Daniels & Cruz, P.A.
- Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A.