

# Construction Litigator Kim Ashby Joins Foley in Orlando

**Foley & Lardner LLP** announced that Kim Ashby has joined the firm's Construction Litigation Practice as partner in the Orlando office. Ashby work in complex construction law includes a focus on appellate work.

In a release, the firm said Ashby represents developers, contractors and governmental entities on a range of complex litigation matters, including lenders and special servicers in commercial mortgage-backed securities foreclosures and workouts. She has experience in construction lien disputes, defect litigation, workouts & restructurings, construction contract formation and tax exemption issues.

The release continues:

"Kim has substantial experience successfully litigating matters in the construction industry, which aligns perfectly with our recognized national practice. Her experience and in-depth understanding of the industry will be a valuable asset as we continue to handle and attract some of the most complex construction cases," said Jeff Blease, chair of Foley's Construction Litigation Practice.

In addition, Ashby has represented public- and private-sector appellants across an array of appeals, including judgments for lender liability, review of non-compete clauses, review of construction conditional payment bond issues and the first conditional payment bond case.

"Kim's arrival will further expand our existing construction practice in Florida and adds significant bench strength to our appellate practice," said Michael Okaty, managing partner of Foley's Orlando office.

Prior to joining Foley, Ashby was a partner at Akerman.