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May News from Jimerson & Cobb, P.A.



Inspired by my law partner's baseball introduction of last month, and in anticipation of the newest arrival to the Jimerson family (due any minute now), I think it is important to give you baseball loving dads a lesson on how to change a dirty diaper the old fashioned way. You see, it starts with you spreading the diaper in the shape of the diamond with you at the bat. Then fold second base down to home and set the baby on the pitcher's mound. Put first base and third base together, bring up home plate and pin the three together. Make more sense now? Of course, in case of rain you gotta call the game and

start all over again. Get this down and you will be the king of your castle. Remember not to spend too much time applauding yourself though, king, for it will leave your groin unprotected. Toddlers have an uncanny ability to turn us men into sensitive creatures on many levels.

As ever,

Charles B. Jimerson, Esq.

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Jimerson & Cobb, P.A. Riverside Center 701 Riverside Park Place Suite 302 Christopher M. Cobb, Esq., has been appointed to the Florida Construction Industry Licensing Board by Governor Rick Scott. His appointed term began April 25, 2012, will continue through October 31, 2013, and is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

Chris has been assigned to preside over licensing issues for Division II Contractors. Division II has jurisdiction over the regulation of contractors defined in Florida Statutes 489.105(3)(d)-(q).

As a division of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the Construction Industry Licensing Board is responsible for licensing and regulating the construction industry. The board meets regularly to consider applications for licensure, review disciplinary cases and conduct informal hearings relating to licensure and discipline. Among other business, the board engages in rulemaking to implement the provisions set forth in its statutes.

Click <u>here</u> to read the release on the announcement.

J&C shareholder named president of First Coast chapter of the Risk Management Association



Charles Jimerson has been named president of the First Coast chapter of the Risk Management Association.

Founded in 1914, RMA is a not-for-profit, member-driven professional association, whose sole purpose is to advance the use of sound risk principles in the financial services industry. RMA promotes an enterprise approach to risk management that focuses on credit risk, market risk, and operational risk.

Visit the First Coast chapter <u>site</u> for more information or <u>contact</u> J&C managing attorney Charles Jimerson.

Featured bLAWg Post: When Does a Standard Lender-Borrower Relationship Become a Fiduciary Relationship Imposing Extra Fiduciary Duties?

By: Charles B. Jimerson, Esq.

In order to state a cause of action in Florida for breach of fiduciary duty, there must exist a fiduciary duty, a breach thereof, and resulting damages. Gracey v. Eaker, 837 So. 2d 348,353 (Fla. 2002). In Doe v. Evans, 814

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Client Focus



Founded in 1916 by B.G. Danis, the <u>Danis Building</u>

(Danis) is a third-generation, privately owned corporation based in Dayton, Ohio. Danis serves the Midwest and Southeast regions of the country, specializing in public and private building and industrial projects.

Danis offers expertise in construction management,

So.2d 370 (Fla. 2002), a fiduciary relationship was characterized as follows:

If a relation of trust and confidence exists between the parties (that is to say, where confidence is reposed by one party and a trust accepted by the other, or where confidence has been acquired and abused), that is sufficient as a predicate for relief.

Click here to read the full bLAWg post.

Additional bLAWg Posts

KEY SOURCES OF LAW IN FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING

By: Charles B. Jimerson, Esq.

Occasionally in our firm's representation of construction companies, materials suppliers, services contractors and sureties, we will find ourselves embroiled in a local, state, or federal contracting dispute. These disputes are nuanced and procedurally driven, requiring knowledge of administrative and contract laws that at times overlap. Whether it is in the bid process, bid protests, post-contract compliance and administration, pricing adjustments or government contracting disputes, we have the experience to represent clients in a myriad of government contracting issues. In doing so, we are required to have an operational knowledge of how the following (among many others) key sources of federal contract law apply to our construction clientele who bid on and obtain contracts for federal projects.

Click <u>here</u> to read the full bLAWg post.

THE BANKRUPTCY MEANS TEST AND ITS INTERPRETATION BY THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

By: Kelly A. Karstaedt, Esq.

Prior to 2005, bankruptcy courts across the nation were plagued by fraudulent bankruptcy filings by individuals who just wanted to get rid of their debt, but who did not necessarily qualify for such relief. To deal with the overwhelming number of abusive bankruptcy actions, Congress passed into law an act that created a new system for curbing bankruptcy abuse and thereby alleviating many of these concerns.

Click <u>here</u> to read the full bLAWg post.

BASIC CONSIDERATIONS FOR BUILDING OR RENOVATING A HOME IN FLORIDA

By: Charles B. Jimerson, Esq.

When purchasing a home or renovating an existing inhabitance, property owners should be aware of certain basic issues that can cause legal problems under Florida law. This post is designed to address some issues that may arise in the process and provide basic guidance on what consumers need to be aware of.

Click here to read the full bLAWg post.

J&C Service Spotlight: Breach of Fiduciary Duty and Business Torts general construction, design/build and build-to-suit lease-back, as well as experience in the corporate, health/elderly care, education, retail, hospitality/entertainment and industrial markets.

The Danis Group of Companies operates eight offices located in Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina and Florida. In 2009, the company achieved a sales volume total of more than \$301 million and employed 300 people.

Throughout the company's history, Danis has received praise for its quality work and service, its timely delivery and ability to remain under the project budget. Danis prides itself with meeting client challenges, whether they are budgets, schedules, site conditions or unique designs, and boasts an 85 percent repeat customer rate.

Jimerson & Cobb is very proud and thankful to represent Danis Building Construction and wishes it continued success and growth throughout 2012.

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*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys obtained final summary judgment for labor recruiting company on business dispute with customer.

*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys represented shareholders in obtaining equitable accounting in shareholder dispute.

*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys facilitated pre-litigation balance in full payment for local engine services corporation.

*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys drafted owner/operator lease agreement for logistics



When a business is harmed by the illegal or negligent actions of another company, that business can take action to obtain damages and halt the tortious behavior. Jimerson & Cobb provides experience and resourceful advocacy on a wide range of business tort issues. As a lean practice with a low overhead and direct client service, our firm combines high quality representation with a keen regard for your bottom line, whether you are pursuing or defending business tort claims.

We provide legal representation for the following types of business torts:

- Abuse of process
- · Breach of Fiduciary Duty
- Civil Conspiracy and Conspiracy to Induce Breach of Contract
- Civil RICO
- Civil theft
- Copyright infringement
- Constructive trust
- Conversion
- Defamation
- Equitable accounting
- Fraud and fraud in the inducement
- · Injurious falsehood
- Interference with employment or prospective economic advantage
- Misappropriation of trade secrets
- Negligence and negligent misrepresentation
- Nuisance
- Product liability
- Slander and slander of title
- Theft and loss of business opportunities
- Theft of trade secrets
- Tortious interference with contractual relations
- Trade libel or disparagement
- Trademark infringement and trade name infringement
- Unfair competition and trade practices

For more information about our practice, or to discuss your legal concerns with a lawyer who understands business tort law, <u>contact</u> our offices today.

Industry News

SHORT SALES SURPASS FORECLOSURES AS BANKS AGREE TO DEALS

With lenders more willing to allow the sale of homes for less than what remains on the mortgage, short sales surpass foreclosures for the first time. As a result, 23 percent of home purchases in January were short sales, compared to 19 percent as foreclosure sales.

FORECLOSURES SHOW NO SIGN OF DECLINE

While the percentage of home loans that are in foreclosure or default remains historically high, the percentage continues to fall from 14.7 percent

company.

- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys obtained summary judgment in favor of supplier of construction products against individual and corporation in excess of \$150,000 for products and services previously provided.
- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys successful in obtaining final judgment of foreclosure for regional lending institution.
- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys negotiated full value settlement agreement on behalf of the franchisor to keep franchise operating under existing franchise agreement.
- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys filed construction lien foreclosure action on residential project.
- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys obtained policy limits settlement offer from insurer of at fault driver in an incident involving a collision with a private residence.
- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys filed counterclaim for injunctive relief and violation of noncompete agreement.
- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys represented materials supplier in state agency prompt pay action.
- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys retained to defend action on wastewater treatment plant.
- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys represented management executive in contract negotiations in securing favorable employment agreement.
- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys made presentation on litigation/arbitration to structural engineers trade

two years ago to <u>11.8 percent this month</u>, mainly due to drop in homeowners who are falling into delinquency.

NINE DANGEROUS THINGS YOU WERE TAUGHT IN SCHOOL

Some of the lessons we learned in the hours after lunch but before the bus ride home are hindering our ability to succeed.

FLORIDA METRO AREAS LEAD NATION IN FORECLOSURES, DELINQUENCIES

Florida's metro areas' foreclosure rates nearly three times higher than 100 largest U.S. cities. While the rate of large cities has been roughly 1.8 percent, the rate has risen 5.9 percentage points in Miami and 5.1 percentage points in Jacksonville.

DUVAL ANNUAL WAGES SURPASS STATE AVERAGES

Jacksonville paces the state with <u>higher average wages</u> for workers in numerous fields including construction, manufacturing and financial activities.

CLERKS SAY EXPECT DELAYS IN CIVIL CASES

Thirty million dollar budget cut for court personnel is likely to lead to delays in civil actions and could further delay the already backlogged mortgage foreclosure cases throughout the state.

HOME BUILDERS' CONFIDENCE HITS 5-YEAR HIGH

Jacksonville home builders see nationwide trend locally as local high-end builders are making their <u>first hires in five years</u>.

FLORIDA'S ECONOMIC MAKEUP

Changes in <u>Florida's economic makeup</u> explain the state's 47 percent increase in GDP in the past ten years verses a population increase of 16 percent over the same time period.

HOUSING STARTS JOIN U.S. FACTORIES TOPPING FORECASTS

Good news on <u>new home construction</u> helps market rebound. New home construction up 2.3 percent to a three-month high.

J&C Firm News

- *In a May 11 article in the *Jacksonville Business Journal*, Charles Jimerson was asked for his opinion regarding a Wal-Mart slip-and-fall case that was thrown out when the plaintiff was found to have committed fraud in the pre-discovery phase of the trial. Read the article here.
- *J&C proudly supported the membership drive for the Northeast Florida Builder's Association (NEFBA). Chris Cobb served as captain of the Remodeler Team, and Charles Jimerson serves chairman of the Membership Committee.
- *In a April 27 article in the *Jacksonville Business Journal*, Charles Jimerson was quoted regarding a Downtown riverfront condo project that abruptly stopped construction due to the a waning real estate market. The general contractor was awarded a \$12 million judgment from the developer. Read about the suit and see Jimerson quoted in, "Berkman Plaza II loses \$12M lawsuit."

association.

- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys represented large bank in obtaining full loan payoff from defaulted commercial borrowers after initiation of foreclosure
- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys assisted client in resolving construction issue associated with flooring dispute.
- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys filed verified complaints on behalf of franchisor terminating franchisees in seeking injunctive relief against competing former franchisees.
- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys successful in obtaining payment from unit owner on condominium foreclosure action.
- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys sent cease and desist letters and prevented former employee from utilizing trade secrets and competing in violation of noncompete agreement.
- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys participated in builder trade association membership drive.
- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys assisted construction materials supplier in auditing and revising all commercial contracts and credit forms.
- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys provided seminar to HVAC contractors regarding accounts receivable collections and Florida construction law.
- *Jimerson & Cobb attorneys represented large commercial general contractor in negotiating favorable terms on highrise condominium renovation.

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*For our transactional attorney colleagues, the JBA Corporate and Business Law Section of the JBA will host the inaugural Marshall M. Criser, Jr. Transactional Law CLE on June 1 at the Sawgrass Marriott in Ponte Vedra Beach. Visit the JBA site for more information on the CLE and registration.

*J&C employees and friends enjoyed peanuts and Cracker Jack at the third annual firm outing at the Jacksonville Suns game on April 28. Below is a shot of Charles Jimerson enjoying the evening with his daughter, Lila.



*Our law clerk program continues this summer with the return of Austin Calhoun, a third-year law student at Florida Coastal School of Law who has clerked at J&C the past year. Joining Calhoun is Reid McCullough, a second-year law student at University of Florida Levin College of Law.

*In addition to our summer clerks, J&C welcomes two part-time marketing coordinators: Kenneth Evans and Jason Policicchio.

*As of June 1, the firm has new digs! We have expanded our office space to include a much larger portion of the third floor at Riverside Center. In doing so, we have doubled our office space and are enjoying having a little more breathing room to better serve our clients. Below is a photo of the expansion in action.



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