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Mr. Robert Alfert, Jr. is a Partner in the Orlando office of Broad and Cassel. He is a member of the Firm's Construction Law and Litigation and Commercial Litigation Practice Groups. Mr. Alfert is a Florida Bar Board Certified Attorney in Construction Law and a Construction Arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association.

Mr. Alfert has been actively involved as counselor on some of the Florida's largest infrastructure, transportation and development projects over the last ten years, including but not limited to:

- General Construction Counsel to the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (GOAA) since 2001, presiding over an annual expenditure of \$300-\$500 million in design, consulting and construction for state and federally-funded projects;
- Special Counsel to GOAA on its 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Program involving \$2.5 billion in infrastructure development, including a new airport terminal, related improvements and transportation infrastructure, providing strategic project planning, development of procurement plans and project delivery methods, contract documents, risk management and insurance/bonding plans;
- Eminent Domain and Trial Counsel to the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority on the Western Beltway expansion project, a \$500+ million dollar highway system (also represented the Miami Dade Expressway Authority);
- Counsel to bidding team on Florida's proposed, \$2+ billion high-speed rail project, providing advice and guidance on all procurement and contract issues (local, state and federal);
- Counsel to bidding team on the \$2+ billion Port of Miami Tunnel project, a Public-Private Partnership Project ("P3") with a design-build-finance-operate-maintain delivery method, providing advice and guidance on all procurement and contract issues;
- Trial Counsel to project participant on the multi-billion dollar South and North Terminal expansion projects at Miami International Airport, which spawned over \$125 million in claims; and
- Counsel to Developer of Orlando's "Medical City," an approximate \$2 billion dollar, 650-acre medical corridor with over \$1 billion in ongoing construction, involved in all legal aspects related to development and construction of infrastructure, procurement and contracting, including the multi-party public-private partnership transaction for the Burnham Institute (\$100+ million project).

Mr. Alfert's experience as General Construction Counsel to the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (GOAA) since 2001 is invaluable to public and private sector clients. As counsel to GOAA, Mr. Alfert is actively involved in the day-to-day handling of many of the following issues: strategic planning and project management; development of procurement processes and project delivery methods; preparation, review and approval of construction and professional services contracts and addenda; preparation, review and approval of change orders; contractor and professional services selection; development of alternative dispute resolution procedures and assisting GOAA staff in preparation for dispute review boards ("DRB"); warranty coverage and construction defects; insurance and bond coverage; public bid statute compliance (state and federal law) and bid protests, including developing procurement processes for selection of contractors and consultants; handling all claims, litigation and DRB proceedings; and general advice and counseling to GOAA construction management.

Mr. Alfert was named among the "Top 100 Florida Super Lawyers" in 2011 and 2012 by Law & Politics magazine. He has been recognized by his peers in Law & Politics "Florida Super Lawyers" in 2008 - 2013, Orlando Magazine's "Orlando's Best Lawyers" in 2007 - 2013, Florida Trend Magazine's "Florida Legal Elite" in 2006, 2007 and 2008, an honor awarded to less than 2 percent of the Florida Bar. Mr. Alfert has also been listed in the Orlando Business Journal's "Best of the Bar," Woodward & White's 2007 - 2013 "Best Lawyers in America" and Legal 500 legal reference guide for his "excellent, high quality service." He has achieved an AV® Peer Review Rating with Martindale-Hubbell, which is the agency's highest mark for both competency and ethics.