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About Steven

Steven represents clients in all aspects of real estate development, financing, construction contracting, administration, and commercial dispute litigation. He handles development financing, including tax-exempt and taxable bond-financed projects, and negotiates design and construction contracts. In addition to project administration, he litigates and arbitrates complex construction disputes. He also works with major workforce and student housing developers on procurement, financing, contract negotiations, and administration.

Beyond real estate, he advises clients on corporate entity formation, drafting operating agreements, structuring buy-outs, and resolving employment disputes.

Steven's Affiliations

- Associated Builders and Contractors, South Florida Chapter
- Association of General Contractors of America, South Florida Chapter
- Dade County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division; Construction Law Committee
- International Bar Association

Areas of Focus

Services: Litigation & Trial

Experience

- Represented client in the largest P3 student housing project in the country.
- Assisted client in multiple tax-exempt and taxable bond-financed workforce housing projects.
- Defeated breach of contract and professional liability negligence claims for a national architectural firm in a South Florida school board suit, securing a defense verdict on contested liability.
- Won a five-day jury trial for a sub-contractor in Jacksonville, Florida, obtaining full damages, including attorney fees and costs, and defeating a counterclaim for project abandonment.
- Successfully arbitrated a case for a site contractor on liquidated damages and governmental approval issues.
- Represented a general contractor in construction defect litigation against a local school board, achieving a favorable mediation settlement.
- Counsel to a nationwide student and workforce housing developer on financing, development, and dispute resolution.
- Represented civil contractors in multi-million dollar projects with the Florida Department of Transportation, handling contracts, administration, and dispute resolution.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Construction Law, 2024 – 2026; Litigation – Construction, 2018 – 2026
- *Florida Trend Magazine*, Florida's Legal Elite Notable Real Estate/Land Use Attorneys, 2025
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, 2024; Rising Stars, 2013– 2017
- *Daily Business Review*, Rising Star, 2017

Credentials

Education

New England Law | Boston (formerly New England School of Law), JD, *cum laude*, 2003

University of Miami, BA, 2000

Bar Admissions

Florida

Massachusetts

New York

Court Admissions

US District Court for the Middle District of Florida

US District Court for the Southern District of Florida

US District Court for the District of Massachusetts

Interests

Did you know...

When not working, Steven enjoys traveling with his family and coaching his three children, Isabel, Tomas, and Jorge, in soccer, baseball, and golf. He also chairs one of the world's oldest and most prestigious junior golf tournaments, giving US and international junior golfers an opportunity to showcase their skills and earn college scholarships.

Community/Civic Activities

- Junior Orange Bowl International Golf Championship, Chair

Thought Leadership

Press Releases

- Steven D. Gonzalez Selected as a Florida Legal Elite's 2025 Notable Real Estate/Land Use Attorney by *Florida Trend Magazine*, Sep 4, 2025
- 102 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Ones to Watch*™, Aug 21, 2025
- Steven G. Gonzalez and Jose A. Herrera Paez Join Hinshaw's Miami Office as Partners, Mar 25, 2025