

James Terpening and Melanie Senosiain Co-Author Thomson Reuters Practical Law Article on Breach of Contract Defenses

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[James P. Terpening](#) and Melanie B. Senosiain, attorneys in the Tampa office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, recently co-authored *Thomson Reuters Practical Law's* "Breach of Contract Defenses: Florida."

Published June 7, 2021, James and Melanie wrote the article as a Q&A guide to common defenses to contract claims under Florida common law. This Q&A covers defenses to contract formation, performance, and damages. It also covers procedural and equitable defenses specific to breach of contract. To read the article in full, [click here](#).

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