

Orlando Attorneys Discuss the Completed and Accepted Doctrine

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In the April 2016 Newsletter for Division 7 of the American Bar Association Forum on Construction, [Orlando](#) attorneys Brent Bell, [Sarah Donini Rodriguez](#) and Jonathan Lawler discussed general contractor liability for personal injury to a third-party in "The Completed and Accepted Doctrine: Slashing the Liability Shield."

The Completed and Accepted Doctrine essentially shields a contractor from being held liable to a third party if there's a patent defect in the construction once the project is completed and the owner accepts the defect. This doctrine, while no longer applicable in several states, is still valid in Florida (*Slavin v. Kay*, 108 So.2d 466 (Fla. 1958)).

To read the full article and find out whether the doctrine applies in your jurisdiction, click [here](#).

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