

# Michael S. (Max) Klimas

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## **Summary of qualifications**

- Over 32 years experience in construction management
- Over 28 years experience supervising construction professionals
- Certified General Contractor, State of Florida
- Leed AP
- Certified State of Florida SWPPP Inspector
- OSHA Certification

## **Education**

1973 - 1981                      University of Florida                      Gainesville, Florida

### **B.S. Building Construction**

- Architecture Program – Four years additional study
- Interior Design – One year additional study

### **Additional Education / Certification**

- Associated General Contractor's Project Management Course (Instructor)
- Associated General Contractor's Superintendent Course (Instructor)
- National Construction Law Center – Resolving and Avoiding Construction Claims
- Federal Publications – Calculating Loss of Efficiency and Extended Overhead Claims
- Practical Construction Law, Contract Litigation and Arbitration
- Construction Lien Disputes
- Alternate Dispute resolution in Florida
- Storm Water Protection and Pollution Prevention
- University of Florida – TREEO – Green Building
- USGBC – Green Building, LEED AP certification

## **Professional experience**

1996 - 2009                      Keene Construction Company    Maitland, Florida

### **Vice President**

- Served as Vice President of Operations for a commercial general contracting firm with an average annual volume of \$100 million.
- Led projects throughout Florida and the Southeast, ranging in individual project value from \$3,000,000 to \$39,000,000.
- Was accountable for executive oversight and supervision of project management and support staff.
- Worked directly with owners, developers, design professionals, and permitting authorities to ensure a high level of performance by the company.
- Maintained client contact and interacted with business development team.
- Reviewed and approved owner contracts, schedules, subcontractor agreements, change orders, and insurance requirements.
- Oversaw project job costs, interfaced with corporate accounting department, and was directly involved in completion of monthly and annual profit projections (including company financials).

- Interacted with field operations in the areas of schedule management, quality control, safety, and client satisfaction.
- Updated safety program and implemented OSHA certifications for field superintendents.
- Oversaw and managed warranty department.
- Involved in resolution and settlement of contract, subcontract claims and disputes, operating as liaison with corporate attorney.
- Successfully completed projects including retail centers (big box, grocery), lifestyle entertainment centers (restaurant, hotel, multi-screen theaters, fitness clubs), high-end department stores, malls and mixed-use retail town centers (office, residential, and retail).

1993-2009                    MSK Consulting                    Lake Mary, Florida  
                                   KMK Consultant Group

**Consultant, Project Manager**

- Provided construction management and consulting services.
- Evaluated projects for bid, estimating, project start-up, job site analysis, and inspections through project close-out.
- Consulted on various litigation claims and disputes, including onsite analysis, document review, observation reports and testimony.
- Supported projects including Universal Studios, Disney, Sea World, Epcot, Orange County Convention Center (phase 4), nursing homes, high-rise condominium, condominium townhouses, USDA facility, water management facility, and apartments.

1995-1996                    Waltree Construction, Inc.                    Longwood, Florida

**Director of Operations**

- Oversaw and supervised project managers, field superintendents and the estimating department of a medium-size commercial construction firm.
- Led projects throughout the Southeast.
- Retail projects consisted of Wal-Mart super centers, Rooms-to-Go furniture stores, and Auto-Zone stores.
- Restaurant projects consisted of Chili's, Cracker Barrel, Red Lobster, and Don Pablo's.

1990-1993                    R. L. Pender & Assoc.                    Ormond Beach, Florida

**Consultant, Project Manager**

- Conducted comprehensive management and analysis of construction projects as a representative of surety companies, owners and construction concerns.
- Completed project site investigation, analysis of contract documentation, estimating, scheduling, negotiation of subcontracts and material purchases, and coordination of supervision and management of the projects to completion.
- Analyzed and resolved defaulted construction projects for sureties, providing expert testimony and support for litigation.
- Supported a diversity of projects including major military installations, commercial high rises, hospitals, schools, shopping centers, hotels and utility systems, ranging in value up to \$30 million.

1985-1989                    K.B. Max, Inc.                    Gainesville, Florida

**President, Owner**

- Acted as co-owner responsible for complete operation and management a general construction, management and consulting firm.
- Maintained a high level of quality control with field operations.
- Negotiated all projects, oversaw procurement and completion. And consulted with architectural firms and owner's representatives on construction management and project design.
- Project work included commercial, industrial, institutional, universities, schools, hospitals, mall stores, hotels, restaurants, high end residential, renovation, and historic restoration.

1980-1985                    Burns Brothers, Inc.                    Gainesville, Florida

**Vice President, Project Management**

- Managed staff to procure projects, prepare quantity take-offs, bids, order materials and administrate projects.
- Maintained full cost accountability from estimating to project close-out.
- Coordinated with field management and cost accounting department.
- Implemented computer cost control programs.
- Began as an estimator with projects in the \$25,000 range, and successfully increased project participation to \$68 million.
- Projects represented federal, state and local governments throughout Florida, including a major addition to Shands Hospital, military projects, university buildings, warehouses, school construction and site development.