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CONSTRUCTION

Construction involves a multitude of disciplines and legal issues. Attorneys in the Construction Practice Group have considerable experience as both advisors and advocates in representing developers, owners, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, architects, engineers and sureties in such diverse areas as:

ASSISTANCE IN PRECONSTRUCTION

- Analysis of building code requirements
- Analysis of requests for information
- Bid documents
- Contract negotiation and documents
- Owner/contractor agreements
- Architect/engineer agreements
- Subcontracts
- Purchase orders
- Change orders
- Licensing requirements for contractors, architects and engineers
- Minority participation requirements
- Minority certification process
- Payment and performance bonds

BUSINESS STRATEGIES AND PLANNING

- Business structure: corporation, limited liability company, proprietorship
- Joint ventures
- Tax Planning
- Transfer of Ownership

CLAIM RESOLUTION AND LITIGATION

- Bid protests
- Bond and surety claims
- Contract disputes
- Defect and delay claims
- Mediation
- Arbitration
- Litigation in all State and Federal Courts
- Administrative hearings

COLLECTIONS

- Bankruptcy
- Creditor rights
- Construction Liens and Payment Bonds
- Lien requirements and defenses
- State bond requirements
- Federal bond requirements
- No lien leases
- Prompt payment laws

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COPYRIGHT, TRADEMARKS AND TRADE NAMES

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

- Asbestos
- Storm water runoff
- Site contamination
- Underground storage tanks
- Wetlands

LABOR

- OSHA
- Employee termination
- Employee discrimination
- Drug free work place

REAL ESTATE

- Acquisition of site
- Construction loans
- Land Use

Based upon their experience, our attorneys have a unique understanding of the development and construction process which they use to avoid disputes. If litigation is unavoidable, our attorneys work closely with our clients to minimize costs and disruptions attendant to construction disputes. Our attorneys also routinely lecture and write on these topics and gladly assist with client training programs.