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ATTORNEYS AT LAW



*Serving the
Construction Industry*



Construction Lawyers Dedicated to Our Clients

We are dedicated to representing those in the construction industry. Having represented national and international owners, contractors and design professionals throughout the country, our attorneys are committed to the highest professional standards and service. The firm has litigated and serviced multi-million dollar disputes involving, among others, schedule delays and acceleration, extra work, differing site conditions, contract payment disputes, design defects, construction and mechanics' liens, payment/performance bonds, construction defects, bid protests, and contract preparation and reviews. Because of the unique construction-related and technical backgrounds of various members of the firm and the fact that Martin|Hild, P.A. focuses its practice on construction cases, the firm is able to provide unparalleled service to the construction industry at the greatest value to its clients. The firm's attorneys provide superior service, knowledge and dedication at highly competitive rates.

Another way that the firm offers value is by creatively utilizing expert witnesses and consultants as well as cutting-edge technology to provide the most efficient and cost-effective solutions that arise in typical construction cases.

Finally, we are construction trial attorneys. Nevertheless the firm's foremost concern is extricating our clients from disputes as early as is practically possible. In many cases, that means alternative dispute resolution, i.e., mediation or arbitration. In addition to being an experienced trial attorney, Mr. Martin is also on the AAA Commercial Panel of Neutrals.

- SCHEDULE DELAYS & ACCELERATION
- EXTRA WORK
- DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS
- CONTRACT PAYMENT DISPUTES
- DESIGN DEFECTS
- CONSTRUCTION & MECHANICS' LIENS
- PAYMENT & PERFORMANCE BONDS
- CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS
- BID PROTESTS
- CONTRACT PREPARATION & REVIEWS



GREGORY S. MARTIN

Managing Partner

Professional Summary:

Mr. Martin represents clients from contract preparation, review and negotiation through ultimate dispute resolution including litigation, arbitration, and other alternative dispute resolution procedures. He also acts as external general counsel to certain clients addressing and providing advice on a wide range of issues particular to the construction industry. Since the start of his career, Mr. Martin has actively participated in trials, arbitration and administrative hearings throughout Florida as well as in the federal system, other states and territories.

Admitted:

- 1990, Florida; 2011, California; 2018 Georgia; U.S. District Court, Southern and Middle Districts of Florida, U.S. District Court, Southern and Middle Districts of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth, Ninth and Eleventh Circuits; U.S. Court of Federal Claims; and The Supreme Court of the United States
- AAA Commercial Panel of Neutrals

Education:

- **Law School:** University of Florida, J.D., 1990
- **College:** University of Florida, Bachelor of Building Construction, 1987

Certifications:

- Board Certified in Construction Law by The Florida Bar
- Board Certified in Business Litigation Law by The Florida Bar

Recognitions:

- **AV Peer Review Rated** by Martindale-Hubbell
- **Leader in Construction** by Chambers and Partners
- **Senior Fellow**, The Litigation Counsel of America:
Order of Veritas, Order of Certus
- **Best Lawyers®** - Construction Law
- **Orlando's Top Lawyers** – Construction Law
- **Florida Super Lawyers** – Construction Law

Professional Associations:

- The Florida Bar – The California Bar – The Georgia Bar
- American Bar Association – Forum on Construction Law
- Federal Bar Association – Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc. – Florida Transportation Builders Associations, Inc.
- Associated General Contractors of America – Trial Diversity Law Institute – Trial Law Institute

RECOGNITIONS:

- AV PEER REVIEW RATED
- LEADER IN CONSTRUCTION
- BEST LAWYERS
- FLORIDA SUPER LAWYERS
- ORLANDO'S TOP LAWYERS
- FELLOW LITIGATION COUNSEL OF AMERICA

MEMBER OF:

- THE FLORIDA BAR
- THE CALIFORNIA BAR
- THE GEORGIA BAR
- AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
- FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION
- FORUM ON CONSTRUCTION LAW
- ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA



FRANK J. HILD

Partner

Professional Summary:

Mr. Hild represents clients in all phases of the construction project from contract preparation through ultimate dispute resolution, including litigation. Mr. Hild has actively participated in trials, administrative hearings and alternative dispute resolution proceedings throughout Florida and other states, as well as in the federal system. Mr. Hild's understanding of both the construction industry and courtroom comes from a varied background such as being a project engineer in hospital construction and being a private practice criminal defense and commercial litigation attorney. Mr. Hild is Board Certified in Construction Law by the Florida Bar.

Admitted:

- 1999, Florida
- 2013, Texas
- 2004, 2013, 2014, U.S. District Court, Southern, Middle and Northern District of Florida

Education:

- **Law School:** University of Florida, J.D., 1999
- **Postgraduate:** University of Florida, Master of Science in Building Construction, 2007 (*Sigma Lambda Chi International Construction Honor Society*)
 - Course focus: Green Building Delivery
 - Thesis: Case Studies in Construction Disputes
- **College:** Oberlin College, B.A. 1993

Certifications:

- Board Certified in Construction Law by The Florida Bar

Recognitions:

- **AV Peer Review Rated** by Martindale-Hubbell
- **Best Lawyers®** - Construction Law

Professional Associations:

- The Florida Bar - State Bar of Texas - The Orange County Bar Association - American Bar Association - Forum on Construction Law - American Society of Professional Estimators - Associated Builders and Contractors - The Associated General Contractors of America

RECOGNITIONS:

- AV PEER REVIEW RATED

CERTIFICATIONS:

- BOARD CERTIFIED IN CONSTRUCTION LAW BY THE FLORIDA BAR

MEMBER OF:

- THE FLORIDA BAR
- THE TEXAS BAR
- U.S. DISTRICT COURT (SOUTHERN, NORTHERN & MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA)
- ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
- FORUM ON CONSTRUCTION LAW

L. RHYDDID WATKINS

Partner

Professional Summary:

Mr. Watkins is an experienced trial attorney who works with clients on a range of construction, business litigation, biotechnology, and agribusiness matters. He has tried dozens of cases to verdict in federal, state, and administrative courts across the country, including a number of multi-week jury trials. Mr. Watkins works with his clients at every phase of disputes, from litigation avoidance through appeal. He also dedicates substantial time to serving the Denver community with his pro bono work. Prior to joining Martin Hild, P.A., Mr. Watkins was a partner at an Am Law 100 firm in Denver where he focused on complex litigation and class actions.

Admitted:

- 2009, Minnesota
- 2015, Colorado
- U.S. District Court, for the District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court, for the District of Colorado
- United States 10th Circuit Court of Appeals

Education:

- **Law School:** The George Washington University Law School, J.D., 2009
- **College:** University of Hawaii at Hilo, B.A., 2004

Recognitions:

- **Super Lawyers** — *Rising Star, 2018-2019, 2021*
- **Ramsey County Bar Association** — *Excellence in Diversity Award, 2016*

Presentations/Publications:

- *E. Discovery* — Colorado CLE, 2015
- *Written Discovery Strategies and Best Practices* — Minnesota, CLE 2013
- *Conducting Effective and Efficient Written Discovery* — Minnesota CLE, 2011
- *What Lies Ahead for GM Crops?*, Feedstuffs, June 2011
- *Uprooting the Injunction on Roundup Ready*, Law360, 2010

Professional Associations:

- **Colorado Bar Association** - **Minnesota State Bar Association**



RECOGNITIONS:

- 2018-2019, 2021 SUPER LAWYERS RISING STAR
- 2016 EXCELLENCE IN DIVERSITY AWARD — RAMSEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MEMBER OF:

- COLORADO BAR
- MINNESOTA STATE BAR



PAUL A. BENNETT

Partner

Professional Summary:

Mr. Bennett's practice focuses on construction litigation, claim development, and transactional matters. He represents general contractors, joint ventures, owners, and other construction parties in various aspects of the public and private construction process, including contract preparation and negotiation, risk management, contemporaneous counseling during design and construction operations, and resolution of disputes after construction via mediation, arbitration, and litigation. Mr. Bennett has experience developing and litigating construction claims involving project delays, disruption, lost efficiency and productivity, design errors and omissions, differing site conditions, breaches of standard of care, defective workmanship, and more with clients throughout the United States.

Admitted:

- 2013 Florida
- 2020, Texas
- 2016 U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- 2021 U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

Education:

- **Law School:** Florida State University, College of Law, J.D., 2013
- **College:** Florida State University, B.S. 2010

Presentations/Publications:

- *Courtroom Contracting - Proving Reasonableness in Government Contract Disputes*, THE CONSTRUCTION LAWYER, VOL. 36, NO. 2 (Spring 2016)
- *Certificates of Merit: Practical Guidance to Avoid Procedural Pitfalls*, UNDER CONSTRUCTION, VOLUME 22, ISSUE NO. 2 (Winter 2020)
- Presented: "Best Practices in Navigating Construction Escalation Costs"; NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Development Association (March 2023)

Professional Associations:

- The Florida Bar
- American Bar Association
- Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc.
- Design-Build Institute of America
- General Contractors of America

BENJAMIN BURLESON

Attorney

Professional Summary:

Mr. Burleson focuses his practice primarily on complex construction claims through all phases of litigation including contract preparation/review, claim development, lost productivity, differing site conditions, dispute resolution, mediation, arbitration, alternative dispute resolution, and trial.

Admitted:

- 2018, Florida
- 2023, U.S. District Court, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida

Education:

- **Law School:** *Florida State University, College of Law, J.D. , 2013*
Florida State Law Review—Notes & Comments Editor
- **College:** *Florida State University, B.A., Criminal & Political Science, 2014, cum laude*

Professional Associations:

- Florida Bar – Orange County Bar Association – American Bar Association



CHRISTOPHER D. MELLADO

Attorney

Professional Summary:

Mr. Mellado utilizes his in-the-field and legal construction experience to assist clients involved in disputes throughout all phases of litigation. He is experienced in handling construction claims including delay, lost productivity, differing site conditions, and contract disputes.

Admitted:

- 2019, Florida
- 2020, 2022 U.S. District Court, Middle , Southern and Northern Districts of Florida

Education:

- **Law School:** University of Florida Levin College of Law, J.D., 2019
- **College:** University of Florida, B.A., Economics, 2015, *cum laude*

Professional Associations:

- The Florida Bar – Orange County Bar Association – American Bar Association – Design-Build Institute of America





KATRINA L. MARINO

Attorney

Professional Summary:

Ms. Marino provides legal services to clients in the construction industry including general contractors, subcontractors, and design professionals. Her services range from pre-dispute to all stages of litigation.

Admitted:

- 2020, Florida
- 2021, U.S. District Court, Southern and Middle Districts of Florida

Education:

- **Law School:** University of Florida, J.D., 2020
- **College:** University of Central Florida, B.S., Criminal Justice, 2016

Professional Associations:

- **The Florida Bar**
- **Orange County Bar Association**
- **American Bar Association**



CODI K. COX

Attorney

Professional Summary:

Ms. Cox works with design-builders, general contractors, and subcontractors throughout the nation representing clients through pre-dispute, contract preparation, dispute resolution, and litigation.

Admitted:

- 2021, Colorado; 2023, Texas
- 2022, U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

Education:

- **Master of Law:** University Paris Dauphine – PSL, M2 – European and International Business Law, 2022
- **Law School:** Saint Louis University, J.D., 2020
- **Postgraduate:** Regis University, MBA – Accounting & Finance, 2015
- **College:** University of Denver, BA – International Business and Minor in Spanish, 2013

Professional Associations:

- **Colorado Bar Association** – **NAWIC (Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion)** – **American Bar Association (Forum on Construction Law)**

JOSEPH T. ZAVORAL

Attorney

Professional Summary:

Mr. Zavoral assists clients with small- to large-scale construction projects providing legal advice and representation with a complete approach. He advocates for clients in all types of construction litigation representing owners, general contractors, sureties, and subcontractors throughout the United States.

Admitted:

- 2020, Florida
- 2021, U.S. District Court, Southern and Middle Districts of Florida

Education:

- **Law School:** Florida State University, J.D., 2020
- **Postgraduate:** University of West Florida, M.A., 2017
- **College:** University of West Florida, B.A., 2014

Professional Associations:

- Florida Bar - Orange County Bar Association - American Bar Association



MALIA-LYN T. FUSHIKOSHI

Attorney

Professional Summary:

Ms. Fushikoshi represents and advises clients throughout all phases of construction including drafting, review, negotiation of contracts, claim development, alternative dispute resolution, and litigation.

Admitted:

- 2022, Florida
- 2021, U.S. District Court, Southern and Middle Districts of Florida

Education:

- **Law School:** Florida State University College of Law, J.D., 2021
- **College:** University of Central Florida, B.S., Legal Studies, 2017, *Magna cum laude*

Professional Associations:

- The Florida Bar - Orange County Bar Association
- American Bar Association - National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC)



Representative Projects

Cable Stayed Bridge	Corpus Christi, Texas	> \$ 400,000,000	Settled
MSE Wall Dispute	Dallas, Texas	> \$ 100,000,000	Active
Road and Bridge Project	San Mateo, California	> \$ 160,000,000	Settled
Site Improvement	Long Beach, California	> \$ 15,000,000	Settled
Slip Widening	Long Beach, California	> \$ 6,000,000	Settled
Light Rail Project	San Diego, California	> \$ 10,000,000	Tried
Light Rail Project	Dallas, Texas	> \$ 10,000,000	Tried
Hospital	St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands	> \$ 5,000,000	Settled
Cruise Ship Pier	St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands	> \$ 3,500,000	Arbitrated
City Street Improvement	Miami Beach, Florida	> \$ 7,000,000	Settled
Road and Bridge Project	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	> \$ 30,000,000	Settled
Road and Bridge Project	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	> \$ 8,000,000	Tried
Road and Bridge Project	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	> \$ 12,000,000	Settled
Professional Malpractice –Design	Orlando, Florida	> \$ 12,000,000	Settled
Theme Park	Orlando, Florida	> \$ 25,000,000	Settled
Theme Park	Orlando, Florida	> \$ 14,000,000	Settled
Theme Park	Orlando, Florida	> \$ 35,000,000	Settled
Theme Park	Orlando, Florida	> \$ 120,000,000	Tried

Representative Projects

Road and Bridge Project	Beaufort, South Carolina	> \$	26,000,000	Settled
Combined Sewer Overflow Facilities	Atlanta, Georgia	> \$	6,000,000	Settled
Intermodal Center	San Francisco, California	> \$	50,000,000	Settled
Road and Bridge Project	Clarksville, Virginia	> \$	24,000,000	Tried
Commuter Rail Project	Burlington, New Jersey	> \$	8,000,000	Settled
Road and Bridge Project	Scranton, Pennsylvania	> \$	3,500,000	Tried
Road and Bridge Project	Belmont, New Jersey	> \$	40,000,000	Settled
Waste Water Treatment Plant	New York, New York	> \$	33,000,000	Resolved
Waste Water Treatment Plant	Passaic, New Jersey	> \$	10,000,000	Settled
Waste Water Treatment Plant	Passaic, New Jersey	> \$	5,000,000	Settled
Waste Water Treatment Plant	Baltimore, Maryland	> \$	60,000,000	Active
Commuter Rail Project	Denver, Colorado	> \$	65,000,000	Settled
Commuter Rail Project	Denver, Colorado	> \$	40,000,000	Settled
Commuter Rail Project	Denver, Colorado	> \$	15,000,000	Tried
Onshore Wind Power	Chautauqua Cnty, New York	> \$	50,000,000	Active
Onshore Wind Power	Broome County, New York	> \$	13,000,000	Active
Road & Bridge Project	Seattle, Washington	> \$	50,000,000	Active
Waste Water Treatment Plant	Orange County, California	> \$	50,000,000	Settled

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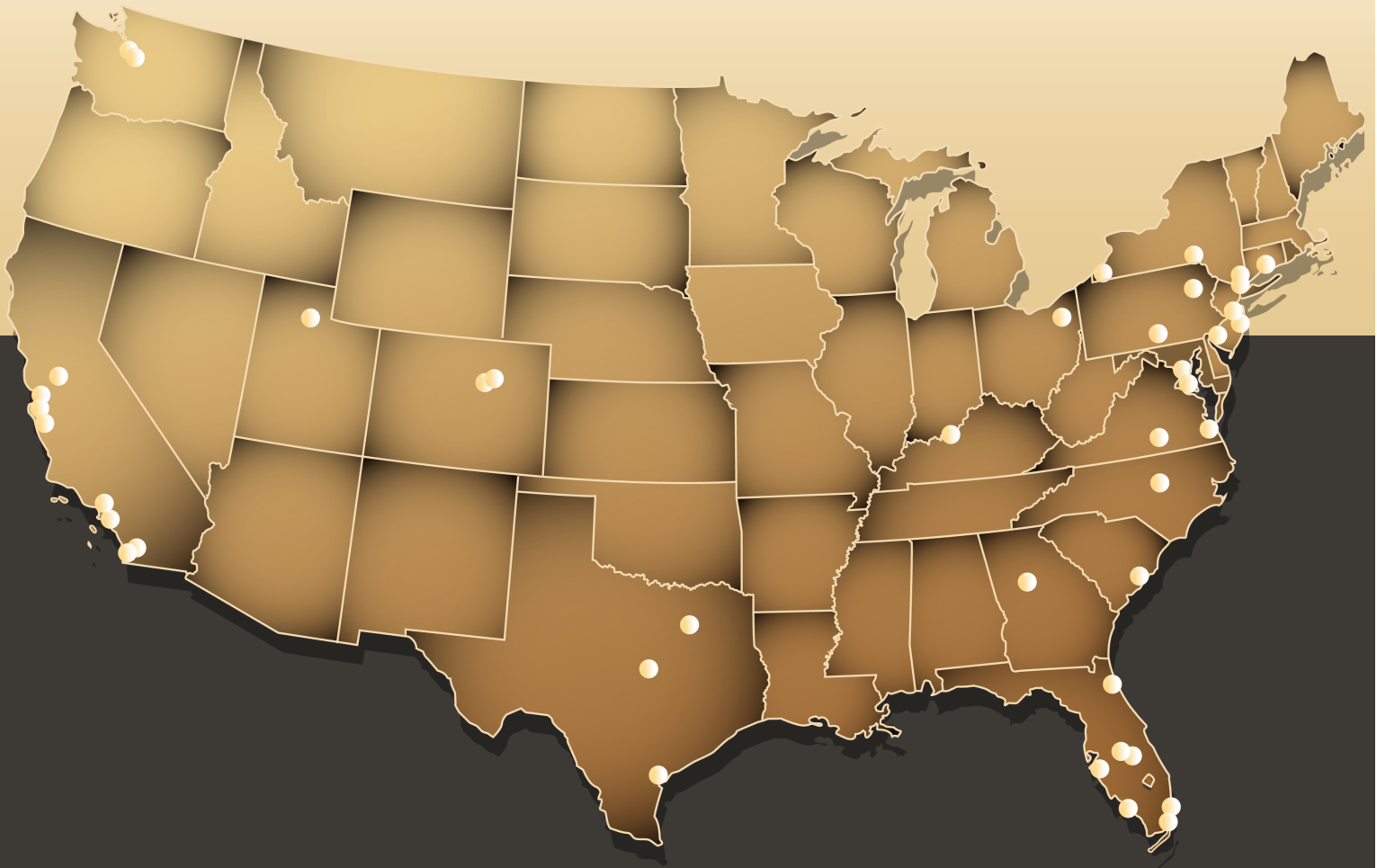
We are a straight-forward, aggressive and innovative construction and commercial litigation law firm that focuses its practice on the construction industry.

We are committed to providing the highest quality of legal services that exceed our clients' expectations. As legal advocates, counselors and consultants, we pride ourselves on our ability to deliver creative, solution-oriented services that are particularly adapted to each of our clients' unique legal issues, regardless of the complexity of the matter.

We take pride in knowing the construction industry, and strive to create long-lasting relationships with the businesses and the people we represent.



With a National Practice



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