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OVERVIEW

David is a partner in the firm's Construction Practice Group. While David has more than 30 years of experience handling a variety of contract matters and disputes, his primary fields of emphasis are construction, engineering, government contracts, and aerospace. As the need for his services often arises during troubled projects, David frequently steps in to work closely with client project teams to understand, assess, and respond to issues during performance. These efforts typically help to resolve disputes without the need for litigation.

When litigation is unavoidable, David serves as lead counsel in federal and state courts and arbitration hearings across the U.S., as well in international dispute venues. He has prepared and presented more than 100 such matters. His extensive experience in resolving disputes, large and small, also includes mediation, mini-trials, and other alternative-dispute resolution techniques. David also assists clients in contract drafting and negotiations, planning, risk assessments and allocations, business strategy, and training.

David has been regularly recognized for his excellent client service in *Chambers USA*, *Best Lawyers in America*, *Law360*, and *Super Lawyers* as an outstanding attorney. He was also an integral member of law firm practice groups recognized in the exclusive *Chambers USA Award for Excellence in Construction*, including groups that won top honors in 2008, 2010, and 2012, and similar recognitions for excellence in *Legal 500* and *Law360* for superior experience and client service.

In today's business world, there are increasingly large and complex projects that often include complicated technical designs, intense schedules, and numerous project participants.

Alternative project delivery systems are increasingly common in many market sectors. David is a leader in understanding these projects and represents clients on all sides, including the assessment and presentation of insurance claims.

David's government contract representations include affirmative claims on behalf of contractors for changes, delays, disruption, and acceleration, as well as the prosecution and defense of terminations for default and convenience. When issues arise that potentially implicate wrongdoing under the False Claims Act, David has experience in leading investigations, often with specialized consultants, so he can provide the client with the best possible advice and recommendations.

Besides being a successful attorney, David is a legal educator, with a business background in finance, who offers

his clients a variety of in-house educational training programs tailored to the client's specific business needs. This includes informative programs on topics such as contract drafting, change management, government contracts, False Claims Act and claims certification, design-build, insurance recovery, claims pricing, scheduling, arbitration and mediation, privilege and confidentiality, and electronic discovery.

Experience is great to have, and David has plenty of that. While most new attorneys have a period of gradual and increasing on-the-job legal training, David's practice began by taking a deposition on his first day after being admitted to the bar, followed by a one-week federal court trial two months later. He hasn't slowed down since. David has built upon those initial hands-on experiences of always being ready for any challenge into a storied career filled with a depth of experience, satisfied clients and numerous professional recognitions for his legal excellence.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- David's project experience encompasses a broad range of market sectors including: power generation, industrial and process facilities, government infrastructure projects, and a wide variety of large commercial developments.
- Specific projects include: co-generation plants, solar, LNG, hydroelectric, corporate headquarters facilities, high-rise residential buildings, educational facilities, security and surveillance systems, satellite and communications deliverables, military bases, mixed-use commercial projects, bridges and highways, locks and dams, hospitals, and more.
- Geographically, David has represented clients and worked on projects that cover the United States from coast-to-coast and internationally. He has worked on projects and for clients located in Japan, Korea, Australia, Malaysia, China, several South and Central American countries, the Middle East, United Kingdom, Russia, Kazakhstan, and elsewhere.
- David assists government contracting clients with compliance, investigations, disclosures, and the defense of claims under the False Claims Act.

AWARDS

- Listed in *Lexology Index: Construction* (formerly *Who's Who Legal*) (2024)
- Named Top 10 Most Influential Construction Lawyer in District of Columbia 2023, *Business Today*
- *Chambers USA: Construction*, District of Columbia (2018-2025)
- *Super Lawyers®: Top Rated Lawyer – Construction Law* (2022)
- Construction Lawyers Society of America, Charter Fellow (2022)
- *Best Lawyers in America®: Construction Law* (2012-2026)
- *Virginia Business: "Legal Elite" in Construction Law* (2024-2025)

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- [Construction](#)
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- Litigation + Trial

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- American Bar Association
- Construction Lawyers Society of America (2017-present)
- International Law Institute, lecturer
- Thomas More Society
- Washington Building Congress

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 1984
- University of Maryland, B.S., 1981

BAR ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- Texas
- Virginia

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Welcome to the Party, Tex — The Spearin Doctrine Finally Adopted in Texas," *Texas Lawyer*, June 23, 2022.