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Norfolk, Virginia



Primary Areas of Expertise

Federal & Local Govt Contracts
Power Generation Facilities;
Horizontal Infrastructure
Metro Rail Facilities
Commercial Bldg Construction
DRBs for Large Const Projects

Current Employer-Title

Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black, PLC - Principal
Available for both In-Person and Virtual hearings

Profession

Attorney, Civil Engineer, Arbitrator, Mediator and DRB Member -
Construction Law, Government and Commercial Contracts

Work History

Managing Partner/Partner/Associate, Vandeventer Black LLP, 1982 - 2022;
Principal with Woods Rogers Vandenter Black PLC - 2022 - Present;
Construction Engineer, Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation, 1973 -
1982.

Construction Industry Experience

Nine years of experience in heavy construction as a civil engineer. Worked
on three nuclear power plant construction sites. Duties included
interpretation of construction plans and specifications, supervision of trades
and subcontractors - civil, mechanical & piping and electrical - and
administration of a staff of 10 to 15 field and office engineers.

Experience

Upon graduation from law school, began work with the Vandeventer Black
Law Firm, specializing in Construction Law. Significant experience
representing contractors in disputes with the federal government, including
representation of contractors before boards of contract appeals, the U.S.
Court of Federal Claims, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; and
General Accountability Office. Experience includes contract drafting,
claims preparation, negotiation and dispute resolution (litigation,
mediation, and arbitration), bid protests, and general advice. Claims and
disputes range from \$10,000 to mega projects in the > \$5B range. Work
includes major infrastructure and energy mega projects. Represents general
contractors, joint venture partners (DB), construction managers,

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subcontractors, suppliers, owners, public entities and professional service organizations.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience

Arbitrator for AAA since 1987, and mediator since 2000. Represented numerous clients in AAA arbitration proceedings. Conducted over 300 arbitrations and mediations. Represented contractors in structured negotiations with the Army Corps of Engineers, private mediations with subcontractors, and before the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Served as DRP (Dispute Resolution Panel) Chair on U.S. 181 Harbor Bridge Project in Corpus Christi, TX; served as DRB chair for the \$1.7B Silver Line Dulles Phase 2 Metro rail Project; served on DRB for \$1.2B I-70 Central Corridor interstate highway renovation in Colorado; serving as DRB chair on \$5.6B Purple Line Metro Rail Project in MD. Serving on DRB for NYDCC for Rockaway Beach Municipal Center; serving on DRP for the \$1.6B Dallas Southeast Connector Project. Served as party appointed arbitrator in a large energy construction matter before the London International Court of Arbitration. Served as a sole arbitrator on an International project on a large tank manufacturing project. Strong experience in energy-related projects including power plants, solar fields and wind farms - have done 15-20 of these projects over the last 10 years. Also mediated numerous construction cases throughout the country in similar sizes and disciplines described above.

Technology Proficiency

Microsoft Word, Excel and Adobe Acrobat.

Education

Syracuse University (JD, magna cum laude, Order of the Coif - 1982; BS, Civil Engineering - 1973); State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (MS, Environmental Science - 1977).

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: New York (1983), Virginia (1983). Licensed Professional Engineer: New York (1977); Commonwealth of Virginia (Emeritus-1983).

Professional Associations

Fellow, American College of Construction Lawyers (2018 - Present); Fellow, College of Commercial Arbitrators (2016 - present); American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law; Past Chair Division 13 (Government Construction Law Division); CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution - Construction Panel; New York State Bar; Virginia State Bar (Construction and Public Contracts Law Section); Associated General Contractors of Virginia, Inc. (Virginia Legal Counsel and State Board of Directors - 2005-2020); Tidewater District Associated Builders and Contractors; Design Build Institute of America - Hampton Roads Chapter (Founder, past Legal Counsel and Board of Directors member); Hampton Roads Builders and Contractors Exchange (Past President 2017).

Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements

Design Review Boards and Other Instruments in the Owner's Dispute Avoidance Toolkit - Presentation to 2025 ABA Forum on Construction Industry Mid-Winter Meeting; ADR - Mediation, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Boards - Presentation to Syracuse University College of Law

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Externship Class, November 2024; Mediation & Arbitration: Preparing for Success – 2019 Construction SuperConference, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA (Speaker); AAA 2019 Construction SuperConference - "Not Your Average ADR"; Arbitration in Commercial, Construction and Employment Law Cases - Faculty, Norfolk Portsmouth Bar Association CLE Presentation (October 2018); "Strategies for Winning at Mediation" - presentation to the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance, July 2018; Co-Editor: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (3d ed. 2017); Co-Author, Chapter 14 – Termination for Default, in FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (3d ed. 2017); Co-Author, Chapter 14 – Claim Issues, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION LAW (2017); It's Getting Better All the Time: Best Practices in Presenting Delay Claims, Presentation to the ABA Forum on Construction Law (October 2016); Member of the Webinar Faculty for Tech Tools: Understanding the Scheduling Experts' Technology, ABA Forum on the Construction Industry (June 2014); Alternative Dispute Resolution, Presentation to the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance; Co-Author, Clearing the Smoke: Forensic Schedule Analysis Method Selection for Construction Attorneys, THE CONSTRUCTION LAWYER, Fall 2013; Working with Damages Consultants: Ten Steps to Success, Presentation to the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, 2013 Midwinter Meeting – Naples, FL; Handling the Resolution of Subcontractor Claims in ADR with the Owner, Presentation to the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, September 2010 Fall Meeting – Miami, FL; Preventing disputes in Vertical Construction Projects, Presentation to the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, April 2010 Annual Meeting – Austin TX; Are You Choosing the Right Design Subcontract for Your Design-Build Project?, Presentation to the Design Build Institute of America, Hampton Roads Chapter (April 2010); Top Ten Contract Clauses Sure to Cause You Problems, Presentation to the Professional Construction Estimators Association of America (April 2010); The Great Debate: Arbitration vs. Litigation – Which Should You Chose?, Presentation to the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, April 2009 Fall Meeting – New Orleans, LA; Discovery Issues in the Complex Arbitration Matter, Presentation to the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, October 2008 Fall Meeting – Chicago, IL; View from the Other Side: An Arbitrator's Thoughts on How Not to Present Your Case, Presentation to the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, April 2008 Annual Meeting – Palm Springs, CA.

**Locations Where Parties Will
Not be Charged for Travel
Expenses**

Citizenship United States of America

Languages English

Compensation: Hearing: \$750.00 per hour
Study: \$750.00 per hour

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Cancellation:	\$4,000.00 per day
Cancellation Period:	60 days
Comment:	Plus expenses. Hourly rate billed for study time and preliminary hearings. Travel time billed up to 9 hours/day (combined hearing & travel). Minimum 8 hrs/day billed for time outside of Norfolk, VA. Legal assistant billed for minor tasks at \$150/hr. Travel by business class.

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