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Primary Areas of Expertise

Construction
Energy
Real Estate

Professional Summary

Construction mediator, arbitrator, and attorney with 35 years of experience resolving complex construction disputes. Since 2020, has served as a neutral in matters involving delay, disruption, defective work, change orders, differing site conditions, terminations, payment disputes, and insurance issues.

Practical, prepared, and persistent mediation style informed by decades of experience with projects ranging from high-end residential work to major commercial, healthcare, energy, education, hospitality, and infrastructure projects exceeding \$1 billion.

Recognized by Forbes in 2025 as one of the top 250 attorneys in the country. Ranked highly by Chambers for many years. Leads AmLaw 100 litigation department.

Current Employer-Title

Nixon Peabody, LLP - Partner

Profession

Attorney

Work History

Partner, Nixon Peabody LLP, 2008 - Present; Partner, Thelen LLP (and predecessor firms), 1999 - 2008; Associate, Thelen LLP (and predecessor firms), 1990 - 1998.

Construction Industry Experience

Practiced primarily in the field of construction law for more than 30 years. Have represented contractors, owners, and other industry participants in a variety of areas including heavy civil and infrastructure, residential, hotel and hospitality, education, and both traditional and renewable energy. Tried and arbitrated numerous construction cases to final and successful judgment and award. Ranked Chambers Band 2 in California construction.

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Experience

Construction focused attorney with 35 years of experience including contract drafting and negotiation, project counseling, and dispute resolution.

As an advocate, represented owners, contractors, subcontractors, and design firms on public and private works both domestically and internationally. These range in size from smaller residential projects to large commercial projects in excess of \$1 billion. Experience covers a range of industries including residential, healthcare, energy, hospitality, higher education, and transportation. Recent projects include a utility scale multi-site solar array, a major chip manufacturing plant, an AI and automation focused research building, a complex beverage processing facility, undergraduate dormitories, high-end residences, and cutting-edge rail projects. Issues arbitrated and litigated to conclusion include delay and disruption, construction and design defects, extra work, differing site conditions, prevailing wage, False Claims Act, contractor licensing, abandonment and cardinal change, and fraud and misrepresentation. In addition to ADR experience identified below, has tried numerous bench and jury trials to final verdict.

Also has significant complex commercial litigation experience, including real estate, financial services, technology, governance, whistleblower, and fraud-related disputes. This broader disputes background is useful in mediations involving business relationships, institutional parties, insurance issues, reputational concerns, and parallel commercial claims.

Has also led for many years the litigation department of an AmLaw 100 firm, including practice groups focused on construction and real estate litigation, labor and employment, government investigation and white collar defense, privacy and technology, IP, and complex disputes.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience

As an advocate, has handled multiple arbitration hearings through final award in California, as well as other domestic and international jurisdictions. In the past few years, multiple multi-week arbitration hearings for diverse projects including a large renewable energy project in the Midwest, a sports field facility in California, and a high-end residential home. Prior domestic arbitration hearing experience includes a dispute relating to the development of a hotel and golf course in Northern California, and a major processing facility located in South America that was arbitrated in London.

As an arbitrator, has handled numerous construction arbitrations in California and Colorado including relating to claims for defective work, delay, differing site conditions, and change order disputes. Has acted as sole arbitrator, panel chair, and wing arbitrator. Has ruled on various motions and handled matters through hearing and final award. Has also handled a variety of consumer arbitrations.

In addition to traditional arbitrations, has represented parties in creative

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uses of ADR including fast track mid-project adjudication, and non-binding arbitrations with mock juries to facilitate mediated resolutions.

Technology Proficiency

Experienced with in-person, remote, and hybrid mediation formats and familiar with major videoconference and document-sharing platforms. Also familiar with AI-assisted tools and their potential to improve efficiency, while recognizing that confidentiality, independent judgment, verification, and party expectations must control their use.

Education

UCLA School of Law (JD - 1990); Williams College (BA, cum laude - 1987).

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: California (1990), Colorado (2008).

Professional Associations

American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry.

Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements

Speaks frequently on construction and real estate development topics including construction contract damages (co-taught lecture series with forensic accounting firm), annual real estate development and construction outlook for California, and best practices for contract drafting and project administration.

Locations Where Parties Will Not be Charged for Travel Expenses

No charge for travel in greater SF Bay Area.

Citizenship

United States of America

Languages

English

Compensation:

Hearing:	\$800.00 per hour
Study:	\$800.00 per hour
Cancellation:	\$6,500.00 per day
Cancellation Period:	30 days
Comment:	The cancellation fee will be charged for all scheduled hearing days in the event a hearing is cancelled or continued (postponed) and notice of same is received within 30 days of the first scheduled hearing date.

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