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Professional Summary

Board Certified Construction Attorney specializing in construction law since 1977. AAA Construction Mega Project Panel Arbitrator. Transactional and litigation experience on a wide array of domestic and international projects. Represented owners, developers, prime contractors, design professionals, sureties, trade contractors and vendors. Recognized in 2016 by Texas Super Lawyers as one of the Top 10 lawyers in the State of Texas, the only construction lawyer to date who has been so recognized. Started Ford ADR in 2023 as a solo practice focused on service as a mediator or arbitrator of construction disputes. One of the 10 lawyers ranked in 2026 by Chambers and Partners in Band 1 of Construction: Alternative Dispute Resolution|Texas.

Current Employer-Title

Jeffrey A. Ford, PLLC dba Ford ADR - Sole Member

Profession

Attorney, Mediator, Arbitrator

Work History

Sole Member, Jeffrey A. Ford PLLC dba Ford ADR, 2023 - Present; Member of Executive Committee/Shareholder, Peckar & Abramson, P.C., 2016 - 2022; Chairman/Shareholder, Ford Nassen & Baldwin P.C., 1995 - 2015; Shareholder/Associate, Winstead Sechrest & Minick, P.C., 1977 - 1995.

Experience

Started practice of law handling and litigating surety and fidelity bond claims, mostly on behalf of the surety but sometimes representing a claimant. Practice quickly expanded into representing general contractors, trade contractors and suppliers in contract negotiations, claims, lien filings, construction defects, defaults and terminations. Continued to expand practice into representation of developers, owners, design-builders and EPC

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Primary Areas of Expertise

Construction Claims & Defects
Surety Bond Claims
Energy/Infrastructure Projects
Insurance Coverage
Government Contracts

contractors. Practice as an advocate included hundreds of cases litigated in state and federal courts, mediations, arbitrations and appeals to boards of contract appeals. Worked on issues arising out of projects located across the U.S and in Central and South America. Types of projects handled include power plants, water and oil and gas pipelines, refineries, toll roads, dams, bridges, water and wastewater treatment plants, high-rise buildings, retail centers, sports facilities, restaurants, residential condominiums, food processing plants, jails/prisons, military facilities, power transmission lines, high-end single-family residences, high tech/clean rooms, educational facilities, churches, apartments, freight railroad and transit projects, office buildings and hospitals/ healthcare facilities. Negotiated all forms of contracts including design-build, EPC and PPP contracts.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience

Have been involved as an arbitrator, mediator and advocate in hundreds of construction disputes involving residential, industrial, commercial, infrastructure, petrochemical, educational and government projects.

Technology Proficiency

Successfully completed Clearbrief Academy, May 2025.

Substantial experience using Zoom and Teams to conduct mediations and arbitrations.

Education

University of Iowa (BA, Political Science, summa cum laude - 1974); University of Texas (JD - 1977).

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: Texas (1977); U.S. District Court: Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas; U.S. Court of Appeals: Fifth Circuit; U.S. Court of Federal Claims (1988).

Board Certified®, Construction Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization (2016).

Professional Associations

Elected Fellow, American College of Construction Lawyers; Member, Dallas Bar Association's Construction Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution Sections; Member, State Bar of Texas' Construction Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution Sections; Member, American Bar Association's Section on Dispute Resolution and Forum on Construction Law; Fellow, American Bar Foundation; Member, Texas Bar College.

Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements

Navigating the Complexities of the Federal Arbitration Act, Dallas Bar Association Headnotes April 2025;
Navigating Discovery in Construction Arbitration: Striking the Right Balance, American Arbitration Association Webinar August 26, 2025;
Discovery in Arbitration, Dallas Bar Association Headnotes November 2025;
Mediator's Proposals and ABA Formal Opinion 518, Dallas Bar Association Headnotes July 2026

Locations Where Parties Will Not be Charged for Travel

DFW area

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Expenses**Citizenship**

United States of America

Languages

English

Compensation:

Hearing: \$600.00 per hour

Study: \$600.00 per hour

Cancellation: \$4,800.00 per day

Cancellation Period: 15 days

Comment: One day (8 hours) of service will be charged if a case scheduled for three or more days of hearings settles within 15 days of commencement of the hearing on the merits.

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