



John E. Bulman ,Esq.
Providence,Rhode Island



Current Employer-Title

Pierce Atwood LLP - Partner

Profession

Attorney - Commercial Litigation, Construction

Work History

Partner, Pierce Atwood LLP, 2013-Present; Principal, Little Bulman Medeiros & Whitney P.C., 1999-2013; Principal, Little Bulman & Reardon P.C., 1995-1999; Partner/Associate, Tillinghast Collins & Graham, 1984-1995.

Experience

Construction experience includes arbitration, trial and neutral work in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Ohio, Florida, Colorado, Oklahoma, Washington DC, Texas, New Jersey and New York since 1984 involving scheduling, Eichleay, measured mile, change order, indemnity, disruption, and surety claims. Subject matters include large-scale solar arrays, steel erection, historic renovation, structural and post-tensioned concrete, wind turbine retaining walls, microtunneling, clean room facilities, laboratories, tunneling, HVAC and sick building claims, roofing, high pressure steam lines and welding, rough and finished carpentry and drywall, concrete, marine facilities, highway and bridge construction, trenchless technology projects, combined sewerage overflow drop shafts, biomass power, substation and switchyard construction, and other issues. More than 50% of practice is in construction-related issues. Familiarity in construction projects including highway bridge projects, nuclear plants, solar facilities, schools, hydroelectric and wind turbine projects, golf courses, hospitals, shopping centers, government buildings, hotel/office buildings, sewers/waterworks, airports, and industrial, marine, process piping, and power plants.

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Commercial litigation experience includes jury and non-jury experience in state/federal courts involving partnership disputes; fraud claims; retail lease disputes; investment management liability, shareholder disputes, personal injury defense; unfair labor practice charges under NLRA; insurance coverage and medical reimbursement contract disputes; forged endorsement and drawer signature cases under UCC; bankruptcy, collections and foreclosure disputes; and a variety of commercial contract disputes for individual, corporate, municipal and institutional clients. Represented consumers/homeowners in retail, window, siding, renovation, and homeowner/general contractor disputes involving defective work, unearned monies, and other construction issues. Approximately 50% of practice is in commercial litigation.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience

Neutral and party-appointed arbitrator in over 160 regular and complex private and public works arbitration ranging in value from \$10,000 to \$200 million, including cases administered by the American Arbitration Association and ICDR. Member of the AAA Construction Arbitration Master Panel and Mega Project Panel. Appointed by Ohio Supreme Court to referee complex bridge construction dispute. Arbitrator for Prudential Insurance Company mass claims ADR program. Mediated commercial and construction disputes. Mediated and arbitrated small claims matters involving consumers and businesses. Extensive current experience in representing parties in arbitration, mediation and trials.

Awards and Honors:

American Arbitration Association, Outstanding Director of 2007; Best Lawyers, 2007-Present (Providence Litigation-Construction Lawyer of the Year 2011, 2014, 2016, 2019, 2024, 2025, 2026); Arbitration Lawyer of the Year 2026; Superlawyers, 2007-Present; Chambers USA - Recommended, 2006-Present; Martindale Hubbell, 20 years AV® Preeminent Rating.

Education

Georgetown University (JD, cum laude-1984); Hobart College (BA-1980).

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: Rhode Island (1984), Massachusetts (1990); U.S. District Court: District of Rhode Island (1985), District of Massachusetts (1991); U.S. Court of Appeals: First and Eleventh Circuits.

Professional Associations

American College of Construction Lawyers (Fellow, Board of Governors 2013-2016, Secretary 2019-2021, President-elect 2021-2022, President 2022-2023, Immediate Past President 2023-2024); Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; International Mediation Institute (IMI) Certified Mediator since 2010; College of Commercial Arbitrators (Fellow); VIA CDRC Vienna Mediation & Negotiation Competition – Expert Assessor 2016-2019 and 2023; American Arbitration Association (Board of Directors 2002-2014, Executive Committee 2010-2014, Practice Committee 2010-Present (Chair 2010-2014), Member, Budget and Finance Committee 2014-2020); American Bar Association (Forum on Construction Law); Rhode Island Bar Association; Barrington Land

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Conservation Trust, Inc. (Honorary Board Member); Construction Management Professional Advisory Board, Roger Williams University (Vice Chair 2018-2020); National Construction Dispute Resolution Committee (NCDRC), Member, Executive Committee, Chair, Rules Subcommittee; International Bar Association; ADR Panel of the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island 2017-Present.

Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements

PUBLICATIONS: Co-author, "A Tale of Two Lawyers: How Arbitrator and Advocates Can Avoid the Dangerous Convergence of Arbitration and Litigation," 14 Cardozo L. Rev. 401 (2013); Co-author, "Managing Exchanges of Electronically Stored Information (ESI) in Construction Arbitration," 67 Disp. Resol.J. 68 (2012); Author, "You Have a Friend . . . Or Do You: Strategic Joint Defense/Prosecution Agreements in Construction Disputes," ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, (2012); Co-author, "Strategic Considerations in Construction Litigation: Article 2 of the UCC," ABA Construction Forum (2012); Co-author, "Harnessing Your Client's Wind Power Rights" Rhode Island Bar Journal, Vol. 59, No. 3 (November 2010); Contributing author, UNDERSTANDING CONSTRUCTION DELIVERY METHODS IN MASSACHUSETTS, Lorman Education Services, October 2003; contributing author, PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION LAW SOURCE BOOK, Commerce Clearing House 2002; co-author, "Horns of a Dilemma: Too Much Involvement in Worksite Safety Can Backfire on Design Professionals," THE CONSTRUCTION LAWYER, vol. 21, no. 2, Spring 2001; co-author, "Implied Obligations of Owners Relating to Scheduling," THE CONSTRUCTION LAWYER, vol. 21, no. 3, Summer 2001; contributor, FIFTY STATE MONOGRAPH ON THE ENFORCEABILITY OF "NO DAMAGES FOR DELAY CLAUSES," American Bar Association, 199; contributor, STATE BY STATE SURVEY OF THE ECONOMIC LOSS DOCTRINE, American Bar Association, 1996; contributor, STATE BY STATE SURVEY OF STATUTES OF REPOSE, American Bar Association, 1994; CREDIT MANAGER'S SURVIVAL KIT, Rhode Island section of industry publication.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS: Numerous seminars and presentations on construction and commercial litigation topics to groups such as the American College of Construction Lawyers, American Arbitration Association, American Bar Association Forum Committee on the Construction Industry, Association of General Contractors, National Association of College and University Attorneys, Construction Finance Manager's Association, and the Rhode Island Certified Public Accountant Society.

Locations Where Parties Will Not be Charged for Travel Expenses

Citizenship

United States of America

Languages

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English

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Compensation:	Hearing:	\$675.00 per hour
	Study:	\$675.00 per hour
	Cancellation:	\$4,000.00 per day
	Cancellation Period:	14 days
	Comment:	Travel expenses charged as incurred. Flights are business class. If the matter is cancelled within 14 calendar days of the first scheduled hearing date, a \$4,000 charge for each cancelled hearing date is due, plus any applicable expenses. May be waived in appropriate circumstances.

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