



Robert H. Heckman ,Esq.
Greensboro, North Carolina



Professional Summary

Recognitions Include:

National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
American College of Construction Lawyers
Adjunct Professor of Construction Law - University of North Carolina
School of Law
Past Chair - ABA Forum on Construction Law
Past Chair - North Carolina Bar Association - Construction Law Section
Chambers USA, Construction Band 1, North Carolina
Best Lawyers in America for Construction Law and Litigation –
Construction
"Lawyer of the Year" for Construction Law in the Triad, N.C.
Business North Carolina's "Legal Elite", Construction Law & Hall of
Fame Inductee
North Carolina Super Lawyers® - Construction Law & Blue Ribbon
Panelist
Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Rated
International Who's Who of Construction Lawyers

Current Employer-Title

Maynard Nexsen PLLC - Attorney

Adjunct Professor of Construction Law, The University of North Carolina
School of Law

Profession

Attorney, Arbitrator, Mediator, Adjunct Professor of Construction Law

Work History

Attorney, Maynard Nexsen PLLC (formerly Nexen Pruet), 1991-present
Adjunct Professor of Construction Law, University of North Carolina,
School of Law, 2004-present

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Neutral ID: 155048

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Construction Industry Experience

Devoted substantially all of practice since 1991 to serving owners, contractors, subcontractors and suppliers, design professionals and sureties involved in the construction sector. Extensive transactional experience in selecting project delivery systems and in negotiating and drafting industry-form and bespoke construction agreements including Design-Build, Construction Management and IPD agreements. Significant experience in representing all construction sector participant in disputes throughout North Carolina, the Southeast and nationally.

Experience

Almost 35 years of legal experience representing owners, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, design professionals and sureties in both transactional matters and claims involving a wide variety of both public and private construction projects. Trial experience in the North Carolina state and federal courts and appellate practice before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, the North Carolina Supreme Court, and the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Arbitration advocacy in both private and AAA Arbitrations, Board of Contract Appeals, Occupational Safety and Health and Professional Licensing Boards. Representative engagements include delay and inefficiency claims, change order and scheduling disputes and defect claims.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience

I have served as a neutral in approximately 300 construction matters, including dozens of single and panel arbitrations that have proceeded to hearing. My experience includes conducting both domestic and international arbitrations arising from construction projects such as multi family, highway, utilities, infrastructure, solar and alternative energy, hospitality, education, municipal and high-end residential. Arbitrated matters include Delay and Disruption Claims involving the assertion of Liquidated Damages, Extended General Conditions Costs and/or allege Labor Inefficiencies, Breach of Warranty and other Construction Defect Claims, Change Order Disputes, and Termination/Wrongful Termination Claims. Also served as an Interim Decision Maker on infrastructure projects including highway and airport construction. Arbitration advocacy experience through AAA and before the United States Boards of Contract Appeals and the Occupational Safety and Health Review Board. I have chaired dozens of arbitration panels and am a NCDRC certified mediator of approximately 200 construction-related disputes.

Education

University of North Carolina (BA, Economics-1988; JD, with honors, 1991).

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar, North Carolina, 1991; U.S. District Court: Western Middle and Eastern Districts of North Carolina; U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit.

Professional Associations

Fellow, The American College of Construction Lawyers (Board of Governors 2023-25); American Bar Association (Chair of the Forum on Construction Law, 2015-16; Past Chair of the Contract Documents Committee); Construction Lawyers Society of America (since 2018), North Carolina Bar Association (Chair of the Construction Section, 200-

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05, Co-Chair of the Legal Specialization Committee); Construction Professionals Network.

Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements

Frequent speaker and writer on construction-related topics. Examples of more than 50 speaking and writing engagements include:

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS: Chapter author, "Procurement," INTRODUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION LAW, ABA Forum, 2008; "The Case for the Responsible Use of Reverse Online Auctions in the Construction Sector," ABA Forum, 2013; "Drafting the 'Perfect' One-Year Warranty," THE CONSTRUCTION LAWYER, ABA, Summer 2007; chapter author, "North Carolina," STATE-BY-STATE ANALYSIS OF LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, CONTRACTORS AND OWNERS, Aspen Law & Business, 2005; chapter author, "50 State Analysis of 'Pay When Paid' Clauses," CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS HANDBOOK, Aspen Law & Business, 2004; "Time is Money: An Analysis of the Recovery of Liquidated Damages by the Owner," THE CONSTRUCTION LAWYER, ABA, Fall 2004.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS: "Arbitration in the Construction Industry," NC Bar Assoc, Construction Section, 2016; "Key Provisions of the AIA B101 Owner-Architect Agreement: The Hot Button Issues and How They Have Changed," ABA Construction Forum, 2008; "Drafting the 'Perfect' One-Year Warranty," ABA Construction Forum, 2006; "What's Up DOCS? Your First Look at the New Consensus Documents," ABA Construction Forum, 2007; "North Carolina Construction Law Update," University of North Carolina School of Law Festival of Legal Learning, 2006-Present; "Analysis of Issues Relating to an Owner's Delays and Damages," ABA Construction Forum, 2004.

Additional publications and speaking engagements available upon request.

Locations Where Parties Will Not be Charged for Travel Expenses

No Arbitrator Fees will be charged for travel within 90 miles of Greensboro, NC, although reasonable travel expenses such as mileage, room and board will be billed as appropriate.

Citizenship

United States of America

Languages

English

Compensation:

Hearing: \$600.00 per hour

Study: \$600.00 per hour

Cancellation Period: 0 days

Comment: No charge for travel within 90 miles of Greensboro, NC, although the panelist's expenses will be charged.

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will be reimbursed for his reasonable travel expenses (meals, lodging and mileage, as appropriate).

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