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**Primary Areas of Expertise**

- Domestic/International
- Renewable Energy
- Oil & Gas Projects
- Power Projects
- EPC Projects/Infrastructure
- Construction Law

**Professional Summary**

Thirty year construction lawyer and arbitration advocate, including contracting, project counseling and litigation and arbitration of construction disputes. Also regularly counsels clients with respect to ongoing construction projects (serving as project counsel) to draft and negotiate contracts, interpret contract terms, assert and defend claims and resolve disputes. Experienced trial lawyer and has served as lead counsel in numerous domestic and international arbitrations and litigation of construction disputes - several involving disputes greater than \$1B. Former secretary and general counsel of Suffolk Construction Company. Acts as a mediator and arbitrator of construction disputes for the past 15 years.

**Current Employer-Title**

Cozen O'Connor - Member

**Profession**

Attorney, Arbitrator, Mediator

**Work History**

Member, Cozen O'Connor, 2022 – Present; Former Partner, Hinckley Allen & Snyder, 2016 – 2022; Former Vice President & General Counsel, Suffolk Construction Company Inc., 2015 – 2016; Former Partner, McElroy, Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter LLP (formerly Pepe & Hazard LLP), 1993 – 2015; Associate/Summer Associate, Melito & Adolfsen PC (and predecessor firm), 1995 – 1999.

**Experience**

Focuses exclusively on domestic and international construction litigation and dispute resolution, serving as advocate, arbitrator and mediator. As advocate, has represented general contractors (including several large international EPC contractors), owners, subcontractors subcontractors. Experience includes the following types of projects: power plants, oil & gas, cogen, oil refineries, oil terminals, hydroelectric power plants, offshore wind, onshore wind, LNG facilities, solar facilities, power transmission

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lines, schools, dormitories, prisons, chemical facilities, infrastructure, rail, bridges, tunnels, residential/condo, healthcare facilities, office/commercial buildings, and VDC/BIM. Also experienced with handling insurance coverage disputes arising out of construction projects, including builders risk, professional liability/E&O, general liability, additional insured and OCIP/CCIP issues.

## **Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience**

Extensive experience arbitrating construction disputes domestically and internationally through the AAA, ICDR, and other arbitral institutions. A representative sample of cases includes: (a) counsel for EPC Contractor in the prosecution and defense of claims arising from the construction of a mercury removal system in connection with an existing coal-fired power plant; (b) counsel for major international EPCM Contractor in a \$180 million arbitration involving professional liability and delay/disruption claims arising from the construction of an oil storage terminal in Lithuania; (c) counsel for international EPC Contractor in the prosecution of \$1 billion in claims arising from the construction of an oil upgrader facility in Venezuela; (d) counsel for EPC Contractor in the prosecution of wrongful termination and change order claims arising out of the design, procurement and construction of a power recovery project in the U.S. Virgin Islands; (e) counsel to EPC Contractor in the prosecution of indemnity and force majeure claims against the owner of an LNG terminal in Texas; (f) counsel to Utility in defense and prosecution of claims arising out of the refurbishment and upgrade of a hydroelectric power facility in Massachusetts; and (g) counsel for EPC Contractor in prosecution of breach of contract claims arising from the relocation and upgrade of multiple chemical facilities in the Southeast U.S.

Regularly serve as an arbitrator in construction disputes administered by the AAA and ICDR, under the Construction Industry and ICDR Rules.

## **Technology Proficiency**

Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams/Zoom, Relativity.

## **Education**

Pace University School of Law (JD, magna cum laude, Valedictorian-1996); College of the Holy Cross (BA, Economics and Spanish-1993).

## **Professional Licenses**

Admitted to the Bar: New York (1996), New Jersey (1997), Connecticut (1997), Massachusetts (2014), New Hampshire; U.S. District Court: Central District of Illinois, Southern, Northern and Eastern Districts of New York, District of New Jersey, District of Connecticut, District of Massachusetts, District of New Hampshire; U.S. Court of Appeals: Second and Third Circuits, Federal Court of Claims.

## **Professional Associations**

American Arbitration Association (former AAA-ICDR Council Member; former Chair of the National Construction Dispute Resolution Committee); American Bar Association (Forum on the Construction Industry, Past Chair); Fellow; American College of Construction Lawyers; ABA, Tort and Insurance Practice; Section; International Bar Association, International Construction Projects; Committee; Professional Women in Construction (Connecticut Chapter, Past President; Past Board Member; Past Secretary

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and General Counsel); Lawyer's Collaborative for Diversity (Past Treasurer and Board Member); Women in Construction (Board Member); Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Member (former Boston Chapter Co-Chair); Board of the Construction SuperConference; Girl Scouts USA (former National Board Development Committee).

## Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements

Publications: Editor, Design-Build and EPC Contracting: A Practice Legal Guide (ABA Press, Aug. 6, 2024); Author, Book Chapter: Motion Practice in Arbitration; Client Alert, IRS Proposes Helpful Rules for Energy Tax Credits (Nov. 27, 2023); Article, Structuring and Laying the Foundation for an Effective Complex Construction Arbitration (June 23, 2023); Co-Author, The International Compendium of Construction Contracts, USA Chapter (May 10, 2021); Co-Authored Article, Follow the Money: Interpretation and Evaluation in a Forensic Schedule Analysis (Dec. 01, 2019).

Speaking Engagements: Webinar, Legal Aspects of AI in Design and Construction (Feb. 24, 2026); United We Negotiate: Collaborative Strategies for Fairer Owner Contracts (AGC Surety & Construction Risk Management Conference, Jan. 27, 2026); Panelist, 2025 Construction SuperConference; Panelist, Selecting the Right Dispute Resolution Procedure (ABA Forum on Construction law, Sept. 4, 2025); Panelist, Society of Construction law - North America Conference (Jul 16, 2025); Panelist, Data, Documents and Discovery: Maximizing Efficiency with Ediscovery Tools (June 12, 2025).

## Citizenship

United States of America

## Languages

English

## Compensation:

Hearing:	\$650.00 per hour
Study:	\$650.00 per hour
Cancellation Period:	0 days
Comment:	No charge for local travel time (within Eastern MA). Travel time for travel outside Eastern MA will be billed. Other expenses to be reimbursed.

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