



Laird E. Lawrence ,Esq.



Current Employer-Title

Lawrence Arbitration Services

Profession

Attorney

Work History

Lawrence Arbitration Services, 2018 – Present; Shareholder, Vincent Serafino Geary Waddell Jenevein PC, 2017 – 2018; Partner, Kleiman Lawrence Fitzgerald LLP, 1999 – 2016; Attorney, Vial Hamilton, Koch Knox, L.L.P., 1989 – 1999; Associate Surety Counsel, Fireman's Fund Insurance Companies, 1985 – 1989; Assistant Director of Compensation Insurance Programs, Texas A&M University System, 1982 – 1985; Attorney, Wise & Stuhl, 1981 – 1982; Attorney, Wommack Denman & Hardin, 1978 – 1980.

Experience

Former partner in a commercial litigation group, emphasizing surety and construction law, representing owners, contractors, subcontractors, and sureties in all types and sizes of commercial, residential, industrial, and government construction projects. Represented parties in disputes involving projects such as an airport security system, an earthen dam, Veteran's Administration and private hospitals, public schools, military bases, commercial buildings, dormitories, a fire station, wastewater utilities, a convention center, road re-construction and underground utilities, a golf course, and college facilities. Disputes involved performance, default, termination, construction defects, underground utilities, payment, delay, completion, design, and warranty issues. As an associate surety counsel for a major surety, previously responsible for the evaluation and resolution of claims on payment and performance bonds issued on both public and private projects.

**Alternative Dispute
Resolution Experience**

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Represented clients in ADR proceedings. Also arbitrated (singly or on a panel) cases involving wrongful default and termination, substantial

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completion, payment, change orders, claims for extras, delays, surety liability, workmanship, construction defects, warranties, design defects, latent defects, design/build projects, renovations, breach of contract, deceptive trade practices, impact damages, acceleration, labor inefficiencies, and government contracts. Served as arbitrator (singly or on panel) in cases involving a variety of projects including a casino and boat basin, an earthen reservoir, a hotel complex, a lake resort, a movie theater, office buildings, LNG tanks, a cemetery, cell towers, schools, an industrial warehouse, a multi-family apartment complex, and condominium developments.

Education

University of Texas (JD-1978); Texas A&M University (BA, cum laude 1974).

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: Texas, 1978; U.S. District Court: Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas; U.S. Court of Appeal Fifth Circuit; U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

Professional Associations

State Bar of Texas Construction Law Section, Past-President; Texas Construction Law Foundation, Past-President; Dallas Bar Association Construction Law Section, Past Chair; Texas Board of Legal Specialization Initial Advisory Committee on Construction Law; Texas Board of Legal Specialization Exam Commission (Construction Law)-past member; former member American Bar Association (Forum on the Construction Industry, Tort and Insurance Practice Group; Fidelity and Surety Law Committee); Texas Aggie Bar Association (Past President); former member Surety Claims Institute; former member National Bond Claims Association.

Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements

Speaker "Consolidation of Arbitrations and Joining Additional Parties", 2019 AAA/ICDR/AAA Mediation.Org Panel Conference; Speaker and Contributing Author, "Beauty is Only Skin Deep: Selected Issues Regarding Building Exterior and Interior Finishes", ABA TIPS Fidelity Surety Law Committee, Mid-Winter Meeting 2016; "Getting out of the Arbitration Weeds," ABA Forum on the Construction Industry/TIPS Fidelity & Surety Law Committee Mid-Winter Joint Meeting, 2011; Contributing author, "The Surety's Indemnity Agreement: Law and Practice," 2nd ed., American Bar Association, 2008; contributing author "Performance Bond Manual," American Bar Association, 2006; contributing author, "Texas Construction Bond and Lien Claims, Half Moon, LLC, November 2005; contributing author, "Construction Lien Law and the New Residential Construction Commission Act in Texas," Lorman Education Services, August 2005; "Are Breach of Warranty Damages Caused by an Occurrence?," TEXAS BUILDING TRENDS, September/October 2001; co-author, "Legislative Wrap-up," TEXAS BUILDING TRENDS, July/August 2001; contributing author, "Construction Lien Law in Texas, Lorman Education Services, July 2001; "Pending Legislation Affecting Construction," TEXAS BUILDING TRENDS, May/June 2001; contributing author, "Construction Claims in Texas," Lorman Education Services, May 2001; Times May be Changin

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for Texas Employers (Co-Author), Texas Building Trends, March/April, 2001; contributing author, "Construction Litigation in Texas, Lorman Education Services, March, 2001; author and speaker, "When Construction Goes Wrong: The Surety's Perspective," University of Tex School of Law, Mortgage Lending Institute, 2000; co-author and speake "The Availability and Scope of Appeal of Arbitration Awards under the Federal, Uniform and State Acts," American Bar Association Annual Meeting, 1999, THE BRIEF, Spring 2000; moderator, "Design - Build Construction Projects from the Perspective of a Contractor, Surety and Commercial Owner," Defense Research Institute Annual Meeting, 1999 author and speaker, "Practical Advice on Drafting Contractual Insurance Provisions," American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry, 1999; co-author, "Construction Warranties in Texas," THE CONSTRUCTION LAWYER, April 1993.

Citizenship United States of America

Languages English

Compensation:

Hearing:	\$345.00 per hour
Study:	\$345.00 per hour
Cancellation:	\$2,760.00 per day
Cancellation Period:	5 days

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