



Anthony J. Barron ,Esq.
San Francisco,California



Primary Areas of Expertise

- Construction
- Energy
- Real Estate

Professional Summary

More than 35 years of high-level experience in construction law as an advisor, litigator and, since 2020, as a neutral arbitrator and mediator. Lead litigation department of AmLaw100 firm, including three-hundred plus professionals in the practice areas of intellectual property, construction and real estate, government investigations and white collar, labor & employment, privacy and technology, and complex disputes. Recognized as one of the top 250 lawyers in the country in Forbes: Mee America's Top Lawyers 2025. Named Best Lawyers 2025 Construction Law "Lawyer of the Year" in San Francisco. Ranked by Chambers for many years as a top practitioner in California construction.

Current Employer-Title

Nixon Peabody, LLP - Partner

Profession

Attorney

Work History

Partner, Nixon Peabody LLP, 2008-Present; Partner, Thelen LLP (and predecessor firms), 1999-2008; Associate, Thelen LLP (and predecessor firms), 1990-1998.

Construction Industry Experience

Practiced primarily in the field of construction law for more than 30 years. Have represented contractors, owners, and other industry participants in a variety of areas including heavy civil and infrastructure residential, hotel and hospitality, education, and both traditional and renewable energy. Tried and arbitrated numerous construction cases to final and successful judgment and award. Ranked Chambers Band 2 in California construction.

Experience

Construction focused attorney with 35 years of experience including contract drafting and negotiation, project counseling, and dispute

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resolution.

As an advocate, represented owners, contractors, subcontractors, and design firms on public and private works both domestically and internationally. These range in size from smaller residential projects to large commercial projects in excess of \$1 billion. Experience covers a range of industries including residential, healthcare, energy, hospitality, higher education, and transportation. Recent projects include a \$1.5-billion mixed use project in downtown San Francisco, a \$100-million-plus utility grade solar project in Minnesota, a \$300-million-plus research facility at a leading university medical center, a five-star hotel in the Rocky Mountains, a major remediation project at a national laboratory, expansion and utility upgrades at a major Northern California hospital, utility infrastructure upgrades at various higher education campuses, and a number of high end personal residences valued at from 10 to 50 million dollars.

Issues arbitrated and litigated to conclusion include delay and disruption construction and design defects, extra work, differing site conditions, prevailing wage, False Claims Act, contractor licensing, abandonment a cardinal change, and fraud and misrepresentation. In addition to ADR experience identified below, has tried numerous bench and jury trials to final verdict.

Significant commercial litigation experience in a number of areas including real estate, financial services, and technology. As examples of breadth of practice, in recent years successfully resolved a high-stakes whistleblower action, a fraud/theft of intellectual property claim by a disappointed acquisition target, suits for malfeasance against officers and directors of a failed bank, and a commercial lease dispute involving one of the world's preeminent asset managers.

As an arbitrator, has handled numerous construction arbitrations in California and Colorado including relating to claims for defective work, delay, differing site conditions, change order disputes and terminations. Has acted as sole arbitrator, panel chair, and wing arbitrator. Has ruled on various motions and handled matters through hearing and final award. Has also handled a variety of consumer arbitrations.

Has also led for many years the litigation department of an AmLaw 100 firm, including construction and real estate litigation, labor and employment, government investigation and white collar defense, privacy and technology, IP, and other complex disputes.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience

As an advocate, has handled multiple arbitration hearings through final award in California, as well as other domestic and international jurisdictions. In the past few years, multiple multi-week arbitration hearings for diverse projects including a large renewable energy project in the Midwest, a sports field facility in California, and a high-end

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residential home. Prior domestic arbitration hearing experience include: a dispute relating to the development of a hotel and golf course in Northern California, and a major processing facility located in South America that was arbitrated in London.

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In addition to traditional arbitrations, has represented parties in creative uses of ADR including fast track mid-project adjudication, and non-binding arbitrations with mock juries to facilitate mediated resolutions.

Technology Proficiency

Familiar and conversant in all major on-line platforms and flexible in terms of in-person, hybrid, or fully remote mediations. Actively use AI to support practice and have led several AI related initiatives. Understand that AI is a tool that can promote efficiency and economy but it should not be relied upon without non-AI confirmation and does not replace the judgment and understanding of the parties, counsel, and the mediator.

Education

UCLA School of Law (JD-1990); Williams College (BA, cum laude-1987).

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: California (1990), Colorado (2008).

Professional Associations

American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry.

Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements

Speaks frequently on construction and real estate development topics including construction contract damages (co-taught lecture series with forensic accounting firm), annual real estate development and construction outlook for California, and best practices for contract drafting and project administration.

Locations Where Parties Will Not be Charged for Travel Expenses

No charge for travel in greater SF Bay Area.

Citizenship

United States of America

Languages

English

Compensation:

Hearing: \$800.00 per hour

Study: \$800.00 per hour

Cancellation: \$6,500.00 per day

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Cancellation Period:

30 days

Comment:

The cancellation fee will be charged for all scheduled hearing days in the event a hearing is cancelled or continued (postponed) and notice of same is received within 30 days of the first scheduled hearing date.

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