



Joseph A. McManus ,Esq.
Washington, District of Columbia



Primary Areas of Expertise

- Construction
- Government Contracts
- International
- Franchise
- Commercial

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Professional Summary

National and international practice in Washington DC, New York, North Carolina, and Georgia. Active licensed attorney in all 4 jurisdictions.

Commercial Arbitrator including international and regional franchise cases. Construction Mega-Projects with the ability to handle same cost efficiently as sole arbitrator. Caribbean experience with British and local law arbitrations.

Counsel for National General Contractor and Subcontractors Trade Associations on standard form contracts. Testified as expert witness on construction contracts in the District of Columbia and in Grenada. Represented the Governments of Greece, Indonesia and Barbados.

Current Employer-Title

Hijazi & Carroll, P.A. - Partner

Profession

Attorney
Construction Industry Consultant

Work History

Partner, Hijazi & Carroll P.A., 2025 - Present;
Shareholder, Carlton Fields P.A., 2019 - 2025;
Chief Executive Officer, Centinel Consulting LLC, 2019 - Present;
Managing Partner, McManus & Felsen LLP, 1984 - 2019;
General Counsel, Clark Construction Group, 1979 - 1984;
Associate, Smith Currie Hancock, 1976 - 1979;
Law Clerk to Chief Justice, Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps, 1972 - 1976.

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Experience

As an attorney, consistently practiced construction, commercial, and public-contracts law since 1972. Established Millennium Consulting, a construction consultancy focused on scheduling, cost, claims preparation, litigation support, quality control, and other support functions for Owners and Contractors.

As Arbitrator, most involve construction and government contract issues followed by International and Commercial (including National and Regional Franchise disputes). Most are Sole Arbitrator cases.

Served as Chair of the Procurement Reform Taskforce for the Council of the District of Columbia. Past President of the American College of Construction Lawyers (ACCL).

Frequent lecturer and author on Government Contract and Construction contract issues.

Mega Projects Include:

*Afghanistan Reconstruction USAID/IRD- 110 KM Road Building (Advocate)

*Inter-County Connector State of Maryland Road and Tunnel Project (Sole Arbitrator)

*755 MW Power Plant (Emergency Arbitrator)

*Trans-Hudson Passenger Rail Tunnel (Chair, Disputes Review Board)

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience

Commercial and Construction Arbitrator for over 30 years.

Panel arbitrator on commercial construction and international arbitrations including ocean port terminal leasing dispute, and recently on a 20-mile highway-widening project in South Carolina.

Panel Chair with two retired federal court judges as panel members on government contract dispute, and most recently on a cyber classroom building at a United States Military Academy. Chair on Streamlined Three Person Panel Option for Large Complex Cases.

Sole arbitrator on commercial, international and construction involving military construction, water and wastewater, office buildings, public utilities, mixed-use and retail projects, schools, transmission towers, national and regional franchise agreements, highways and tunnels; and on Federal grant project in Liberia, Africa.

Appointed by the Supreme Court of the Bahamas sole arbitrator on a resort development in Freeport. Reasoned Final Award issued.

Consolidation Arbitrator for the Las Vegas casino arbitrations. Emergency Arbitrator on 755 MW combined cycle power plant.

Mediated project disputes for Federal General Services Administration and

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The Department of Energy, and on the Federal Oakridge Nuclear National Laboratory.

Selected as Dispute Review Board Chair for the Trans-Hudson Tunnel, which was cancelled before start by Governor Christie. Served on a Committee of Senior Executives to prevent, recommend and decide disputes on the Freeport Bahamas Container Port Facility.

An advocate in arbitrations nationally and internationally, involving fiber optics, power plants, hospitals, hotels and resorts, office buildings, beach bulkheads, retail developments, highways, tunnels, and rails, and public and private entities in the Caribbean. Represented the contractor against a resort developer in the Turks & Caicos, through enforcement by the Privy Council in London. Represented constructor against road building subcontractor in Afghanistan. At the invitation of the Prime Minister, represented the Government of Barbados on its hotel development.

Served as Arbitrator in over 70 Commercial and Construction arbitrations (mostly large complex). Sole Arbitrator in over 50 arbitrations.

Over 25 arbitrations to Final Award as advocate.

Technology Proficiency

Have participated in numerous Zoom and Microsoft Teams mediations. Conducted remote sole source arbitrations on remote platforms. Frequently use LoopUp. Willing to conduct arbitrations using remote platform if desired by the parties.

Education

Duke University (JD - 1972); Holy Cross College (BA - 1969).

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: North Carolina (1972), New York (1973), Georgia (1977), District of Columbia (1982); U.S. District Court: Middle and Eastern District of North Carolina (1988); U.S. Court of Appeals: Federal Circuit (1984), Fourth Circuit (1992), Eighth Circuit (2012).

Professional Associations

American College of Construction Lawyers (Past President); Litigation Counsel of America; Construction Lawyers Society of America; Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb); Society of Construction Law (London).

Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements

Society of Construction Law "Public Construction Contracts – A View from Washington DC, Melbourne and Dublin" 2022
Podcast, "Recent Development in Hospital Construction" 2022
Society of Construction Law, "Arbitration Transparency" 2021
Webinar, "The Government Construction Contract Transition Issues - Making the Plunge from Commercial to Government Work" 2021
Webinar "Staying Safe in COVID World: Corporate Due Diligence and Job Site Safety for Construction Companies" 2020)
Dublin Forum for International Arbitrators 2019 and 2021

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**Locations Where Parties Will
Not be Charged for Travel
Expenses**

Citizenship United States of America

Languages English

Compensation: Hearing: \$625.00 per hour
Study: \$625.00 per hour
Cancellation Period: 0 days

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