



Michael J. Bayard ,Esq.  
Los Angeles,California



**Current Employer-Title**

Full-time Construction ADR Neutral

**Profession**

Arbitrator, Mediator, Project Neutral, Private Judge, Construction Law and ADR Expert Witness, Author, Speaker

**Work History**

Full-time Construction ADR Neutral, 2000 – Present; Adjunct Professor of Construction Management & Technology – Graduate Program in Real Estate Development (MRED), University of Southern California, 1988 – 2008; Attorney & Partner, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, 1994 – 1999; Attorney & Partner, Pillsbury Madison & Sutro, 1987 – 1994; Attorney & Partner, Wickwire Gavin & Gibbs, 1984 – 1987; Associate Attorney, Shapiro & Maguire, 1979 – 1984.

**Experience**

Exclusively engaged in Construction ADR Practice since 2000.

Former Chair of Construction Law Departments at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal (now Dentons--the largest law firm in the world) and Pillsbury Madison & Sutro (now international firm Pillsbury Winthrop).

Represented owners, developers, public agencies, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and lenders. Handled breach of construction contracts, mechanic's lien foreclosures, and stop notices. Specialized in claims and contracts valued in excess of \$1 million. Nationally recognized expert on the drafting and negotiation of major construction documents.

**Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience**

AAA Neutral since 1987.

Handled over 200 construction arbitrations, addressing construction contract claims and construction/design defects claims on everything from

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single-family homes to major public and private construction projects.

Claim values: From under \$100,000 to over \$250,000,000.

Major (Mega Project Arbitrations) have involved the following issues: design/build of TV satellite system; natural gas pipeline; Caltrans freeway project; power plant oil storage facilities; largest SFR in Beverly Hills; \$2 Billion project on Las Vegas Strip; aquifer pumping plant; design/build HVAC system; luxury condo's on beach in Los Angeles; failure of roof system in heavy snow; new bridge over river/freeway; major hospital in Los Angeles; expansion of 15 Freeway in San Diego; new science building at community college; Bradley Int'l Terminal at LAX; new theater complex at community college; multi-family in North Dakota; luxury apartments in Marina del Rey; solar farm for Metropolitan Water District; expansion of US Embassy in Afghanistan.

## **Education**

University of California, Hastings College of the Law (JD, Law Review, Associate Executive Editor, Hastings Law Journal-1979); University of California, Berkeley (AB, Highest Honors, Phi Beta Kappa-1976).

## **Professional Licenses**

Admitted to the Bar: California, 1979; U.S. District Court: District of California, 1979; U.S. Supreme Court, 1979.

## **Professional Associations**

American Bar Association (ABA Forum Committee on Construction)

California State Bar (California Lawyers Association, CLA Construction Law Subsection)

Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA Real Property Section, LACBA Construction Law Subsection)

American Arbitration Association

California Public Works Construction Arbitration

California Dispute Resolution Council (CDRC)

Construction Law Study Group.

## **Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements**

Publications: Over 50 publications on Construction Law and Construction ADR topics.

Speaking Engagements: American Bar Association, ABA Forum on Construction, California State Bar, Los Angeles County Bar Association, American Arbitration Association, USC, UCLA, Practicing Law Institute, and many, many other organizations.

## **Citizenship**

United States of America

## **Languages**

English

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**Compensation:**

Hearing: \$7,500.00 per day  
Study: \$750.00 per hour  
Cancellation: \$7,500.00 per day  
Cancellation Period: 30 days  
Comment: Deposits due 30 days in advance. Cancellation/Postponement: No charge if more than 30 days before first hearing date; if within 30 days, daily rate for all reserved dates if the lost date(s) cannot be rebooked. Willing to serve in arbitrations without travel costs for travel time, air fare, and local transportation. Only charge hotel and meal for cases with evidentiary hearings lasting a total of three days or more.

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