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OVERVIEW

Frank has been with the firm since 1974 and has over 30 years of construction litigation experience. Frank's clients range from multi-million dollar construction companies with nationwide building projects to local Bay Area contractors. Frank's expertise spans both public and private construction projects, and includes extensive experience representing clients before both State and Federal courts and in trials, arbitrations and mediations. In addition, Frank provides valued counsel on construction law issues to numerous long-standing clients. As a result of his success, Frank has received the prestigious AV rating from Martindale Hubble, been honored as one of "America's Leading Lawyers for Business" by Chambers & Partners Legal Publishers, and been named as a "Northern California Super Lawyer" by the publishers of San Francisco Magazine.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Currently serving as lead counsel for a national general contractor in a fifty million dollar construction delay and payment claim in federal court against an owner arising from construction of a manufacturing plant.
- Currently representing a large general contractor in a one hundred million dollar claim for unpaid work, change orders, delay damages, preference and alleged false claims.
- Successfully litigated dozens of construction claims at trial, binding arbitration and in judicial reference actions.
- Provides counsel and risk management advice to several of the largest general contractors in the San Francisco Bay Area.

PUBLICATIONS

Co-Author, "Constructing Native American Casinos in California: A Safe Bet?" AGC of California Legal Advisory Committee - Annual Legal Retreat, October 2005.

Author, "Tricks, Traps and Ploys Used In Construction Scheduling," Lorman Seminars, May 2004

Author, "Innovative Use of Design Build in Public Projects, Potential Benefits and Damages," American Bar Association, Forum On The Construction Industry

Co-Author, "When a Subcontractor Pulls a Bid and Refuses to Perform," AGC of California Legal Advisory Committee - Annual Contractors Legal Seminar

Author of numerous papers and articles on construction issues including mechanic's liens, false claims, warranties, change orders, bankruptcy and alternate dispute resolution.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Panelist, Construction Law, California Continuing Education of the Bar, 1989 and 1997.

Instructor, Construction Law, San Jose State University, 1987–2002 and West Valley Community College, 1986

Adjunct Professor in Construction Law, Santa Clara University School of Law, 1989

Co-Lecturer, Religion and Law, Santa Clara University

Guest lecturer, Construction Law and Contract Law, Santa Clara University School of Law

Frequent speaker at forums including the American Bar Association, the Associated General Contractors, the Construction Financial Management Association, the Society of Professional Estimators, Lorman Seminars and the California Continuing Education of the Bar.

EDUCATION

J.D., *summa cum laude*. Santa Clara University School of Law, 1974

B.S., *cum laude*, Psychology. Santa Clara University, 1971