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Mr. Bennett's practice focuses on construction litigation, claim development, and transactional matters. Mr. Bennett assists clients in the resolution of complex legal issues relating to construction projects often exceeding $100 million. Mr. Bennett represents general contractors, joint ventures, owners, and other construction parties in various aspects of the public and private construction process, including contract preparation and negotiation, risk management, contemporaneous counseling during design and construction operations, and resolution of disputes after construction via mediation, arbitration, and litigation. Mr. Bennett also frequently drafts and negotiates industry contracts as well as highly specialized construction contracts and other transactional instruments in both the public and private construction arenas.

Mr. Bennett has substantial experience developing and litigating construction claims involving project delays, disruption, lost efficiency and productivity, design errors and omissions, differing site conditions, breaches of standard of care, defective workmanship, and more. His prior experience includes assisting general contractors on large-scale public infrastructure projects and design-build projects ranging in value from $450 million to over $2 billion. Mr. Bennett provided significant assistance in the development of complex construction claims on massive public construction projects including highways, railroads, bridges, light rail systems, airports, and a variety of EPC projects, including industrial power facilities and solar projects. In the private sector, Mr. Bennett has counseled owners, developers, general contractors, and subcontractors in the resolution of disputes relating to hotels, retail centers, mixed-use projects, a performing arts center, and more.

Mr. Bennett has assisted clients throughout the United States, including projects in Florida, Texas, Nevada, California, Colorado, Maryland, and the Carolinas.

ADMITTED	Florida, 2013, Texas, 2020 U.S. District Court, Southern and Middle Districts of Florida
EDUCATION	Florida State University, Juris Doctorate, 2013 Florida State University, Bachelor of Science, 2010

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Panelist and Presenter, *Modern Cost Plus Contracting*, 2024 Construction Super Conference

Presented: "Best Practices in Navigating Construction Escalation Costs"; NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Development Association (March 2023)

Certificates of Merit: Practical Guidance to Avoid Procedural Pitfalls, UNDER CONSTRUCTION, VOLUME 22, ISSUE NO. 2 (Winter 2020)

Courtroom Contracting - Proving Reasonableness in Government Contract Disputes, THE CONSTRUCTION LAWYER, VOL. 36, NO. 2 (Spring 2016)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Florida Bar · American Bar Association · Design-Build Institute of America · Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Represented EPC solar contractor in successful resolution of claims for lost productivity, delays, and extra work against project owner/developer relating to $300M solar photovoltaic plant near Austin, Texas.

Represented contractor in successful pre-suit resolution of contractor's delay and disruption claims relating to a Blue Origin rocket launch site facility in Merritt Island, Florida.

Assisted top 15 ENR design-build contractor/joint venture in development of delay and disruption claims relating to a $2B+ light rail project in Los Angeles, California.

Assisted top 15 ENR contractor in preparation of technical claims relating to a $750M+ 1000-megawatt natural gas-fired combined cycle power plant in Maryland.

Assisted top 5 ENR design-build general contractor/joint venture constructing the $450M+ Loop 375 Border Highway Project in El Paso, Texas. Assisted in the development of $50M+ delay and disruption claim against the Project's designer.

Assisted top 10 ENR design-build contractor/joint venture on the $1B I-405 project in Los Angeles, California.

Assisted top 10 ENR contractor in the preliminary analysis of claims relating to $1.3B highway project in Denver, Colorado.

Represented project owner in disputes relating to construction and rehabilitation of $600M petrochemical and polypropylene plant in La Porte, Texas.