

# Construction

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Saxton & Stump’s attorneys possess decades of experience preventing issues, handling disputes, and solving problems. We serve the legal needs of general contractors, subcontractors, owners, developers, suppliers, and homebuilders and we are adept at navigating the complex nature of construction-related matters. We frequently work with our clients to implement proven tools and strategies to prevent issues and mitigate risk while helping them achieve their goals.

## *Our Services*

We represent our clients in all aspects of the construction process including project planning and approvals, contract negotiation, day-to-day consultation, claim preparation, and dispute resolution. Our services include:

- Contract negotiation, drafting, and review
- Contract litigation, including contractual liability and indemnity claims
- Government procurement issues, including bid protest resolution

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- Construction litigation, arbitration, and mediation
- Construction claims process, including claims for delay, disruption, inefficiency, acceleration, construction changes, and differing site conditions
- Statutory claims relating to mechanics' and construction lien statutes and prompt payment laws
- Construction-related property and casualty claims, including defective workmanship, warranties, and consumer fraud
- Claims on behalf of and against homeowner and condominium associations
- Personnel and employee disputes

We have worked extensively with clients in the construction industry. As a result, we are fluent in terminology and operations specific to construction, and thus we are able to more effectively represent our clients.

## *Getting the Right Terms and Conditions for your Projects*

Our experienced attorneys provide guidance on all types of project delivery systems and contract pricing terms. Our team frequently assists clients with the unique contractual issues that arise on various projects, including traditional design-bid-build; design-build; construction manager delivery systems; and integrated project delivery. We have advised on hundreds of construction contracts, ranging from standard lump sum contracts to complex cost plus fee with GMP contracts, to assist our clients negotiate risk and pricing for their work. We also often prepare custom standard contract terms for our clients.

- Prime Contracts
- Subcontracts
- Master Contract Terms
- Integrated Project Delivery (IPD)
- Construction management agreements
- Joint venture and partnership agreements
- Architectural and engineering agreements and subconsultant agreements

## **Related Services and Industries**

[Construction Litigation](#)  
[Business, Corporate and Tax](#)  
[Insurance Law](#)  
[Environmental, Workplace Safety and Utilities](#)  
[Labor and Employment](#)

- Employment agreements, including collective bargaining
- Consultant agreements
- Equipment rental contracts

## *Disputes and Litigation*

We assist clients on disputes arising from construction projects including claims preparation and defense while the project is still ongoing. Our team can help navigate the complex nature of construction-related claims and has successfully achieved results for our clients:

- Contract claims
- Mechanics' liens
- Payment and performance bond claims
- Delay and lost productivity claims
- Design defect or negligent design claims
- Construction defect or warranty claims
- Bid disputes
- Change order claims, scope disputes, and extra work claims
- Request for Equitable Adjustment Claims on Federal Projects
- Termination for default and termination for convenience claims
- Contract balance and retainage claims
- Property and casualty events and claims, including:
  - Property damage impacting projects
  - Indemnity claims
  - Insurance coverage disputes