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EXPERIENCE

Jeffrey C. Bright, Esq. is a construction lawyer who focuses his practice on construction matters, civil litigation, employment law, and real estate development and disputes. He has litigated cases in federal and state courts, as well as in front of administrative agencies. Most of his litigation pertains to construction disputes, including breach of contract, mechanics' lien claims, bond claims, claims on public projects under the Board of Claims' jurisdiction, and claims under statutory prompt payment acts.

In his construction practice, Jeff represents contractors, subcontractors, owners, construction managers, and design professionals. In addition to handling disputes, he regularly advises on the preparation, revision, and negotiation of construction contracts for various project delivery systems. He also advises and litigates on insurance coverage and indemnity litigation that can arise during a project.

Jeff often advises construction companies on handbooks, policies, and specific workplace issues. He has litigated and guided employers on issues including non-compete covenants, misappropriation of trade secrets, and charges of discrimination or wrongful termination.

Related to his focus on construction law, Jeff advises and counsels clients on real estate issues pertaining to mortgages, title issues, easement issues, condemnation and eminent domain in state and federal court, landlord-tenant matters, subdivisions, zoning, deed preparation, and other issues that arise in land development and ownership of real property. Prior to joining Saxton & Stump, Jeff owned Bright Law Firm PLLC, a boutique firm in Lancaster, PA focused on the construction industry.

Jeff earned his Bachelor of Arts in Government with a concentration in business from Franklin & Marshall College. He earned his J.D. from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law where graduated summa cum laude and was the Editor-in-Chief for the Law Review.

PRACTICES

- Construction Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights
- Hospitality
- Labor and Employment
- Real Estate

EDUCATION

- Thomas Jefferson School of Law, J.D. *summa cum laude*
- Franklin and Marshall College, B.A.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- Maryland
- California

COURT ADMISSIONS

- United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

MEMBERSHIPS

- ABC Keystone Chapter
- Associated Pennsylvania Constructors
- Building Industry Association Foundation of Lancaster County
- Lancaster Building Industry Foundation
- Maryland Construction Network
- American Bar Association
- Lancaster Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Lancaster Building Industry Foundation, Chair
- Associated Pennsylvania Constructors, Risk Allocation Committee Member
- ABC Central PA Chapter, Previous Board Member
- York City Little League, Previous Board Member

PRESENTATIONS

- “Best Practices for Handling Union Activity,” *Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC)*, April 23, 2021
- “Ask an Attorney: Part of the Team – Construction Lawyers as a Career in Construction,” *ABC Keystone*, October 23, 2020
- “Employee and Contractor Compliance Concerns and Best Practices: Don’t Trip into the Misclassification Pit,” *ABC Keystone*, December 11, 2019
- “Between the Lines: A Legal Seminar on the Do’s and Don’ts of Talking Politics and Unions in the Workplace,” *ABC Keystone, ABC PA Free Enterprise Day in Harrisburg*, April 8, 2019
- “Superintendent Training Program (STP) – Contract Documents,” *ABC Keystone*, February 1, 2019, February 15, 2019 and March 1, 2019

PUBLICATIONS

- [“Legal rights and tactics for addressing price volatility in materials and supply chains.”](#) The Legal Intelligencer. (August 17, 2021)
- [“Ask an Attorney: Types of Claims that May Arise from Construction Project Losses Related to COVID-19.”](#) The Merit Shop Spokesman ABC Keystone Newsletter. (June 3, 2020)
- [“Ask an Attorney: Typical Growing Pains that Contractors \(of All Sizes\) Experience.”](#) ABC Keystone. (January 7, 2020)
- [“Ask an Attorney: Change Orders, Change Directives, and Differing Site Conditions.”](#) ABC Keystone. (July 8, 2019)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Negotiated and secured quarter million dollar recovery on behalf of site contractor on change order dispute arising from unsuitable soils
- Filed and defended numerous mechanics’ lien claims; bond claims; and claims under the statutory Prompt Payment Act (CASPA and PPA), including many six-figure recoveries
- Secured six-figure recovery on behalf of a contractor arising from a change order dispute on public project litigated in the PA Board of Claims
- Litigated numerous indemnity and additional insured coverage claims, including a complex seven-figure dispute arising from a building collapse
- Sued insurance companies for bad faith in disputes arising from indemnity and coverage
- Defended contractor in prevailing wage dispute under the Davis-Bacon Act
- Drafted standard term contracts and subcontract agreements for regional contractors and subcontractors
- Pursued and defended construction disputes that exceeded one million dollars
- Litigated multi-week bench trial of construction disputes arising from new construction of downtown multi-story commercial property
- Litigated and defended construction defect cases
- Advised and counseled contractors, subcontractors, and owners on hundreds of construction contracts

- Litigated numerous breach of commercial contracts, including leases, real estate sales, and various business disputes in federal and state court
- Litigated easement and boundary disputes
- Litigated and reached efficient early settlement in dispute arising from sinkhole that resulted in demolition of downtown duplex building
- Prepared and advised clients on mortgages, notes, deeds, easements, and agreements of sale
- Litigated and advised on residential and commercial landlord-tenant disputes