

## Construction Litigation & Counseling

Saiber's Construction Practice Group represents a wide range of public and private entities, including owners, municipalities and other government entities, construction managers, contractors, subcontractors, design professionals and technical consultants, community associations and product/component suppliers, all of whom may come to be involved in the construction process. With years of litigation and practical experience in the construction industry, our lawyers are uniquely qualified to provide valuable advice and answers to the many practical and legal questions that arise during a construction project, from initial conception to final completion and acceptance.

For example, we help obtain land use approvals and shepherd clients through the process of site development improvements. During the earliest planning and preconstruction phases, we anticipate the types of risks that may later arise and determine the appropriate means of allocating, insuring or resolving these risks through contract negotiation. We assist clients in determining the delivery method for construction services that will best achieve their specific needs, criteria and goals. We draft, review and negotiate contracts, and counsel clients on matters of claims avoidance, risk management and scheduling issues. Once project construction begins, we are available to address any legal issues that may arise, including documenting problems and providing advice on contract interpretation, negotiating change orders and/or contract adjustments, as well as placing, enforcing, or discharging construction liens.

If disputes cannot be resolved through negotiation, we are prepared to defend or prosecute aggressively our clients' rights in administrative, state or federal court or through alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. Our experience in litigating construction-related claims includes handling cases that arise from delays/acceleration of work, changes in the scope of work and differing site conditions and claims relating to construction and/or design defects. We also assist clients in matters relating to bonds.

Our construction practice group members are frequently involved in construction related legal matters in other capacities. For example, we serve as arbitrators and mediators in complex construction disputes and we write and lecture as part of continuing legal education programs pertaining to construction law and claims prosecution.