

Construction Law: Tools, Techniques, and the Art of Mediation

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DESCRIPTION

In collaboration with the Construction Law Section, this seminar provides an essential foundation for construction law practitioners, covering the core principles of insurance and indemnity, creation and enforcement of construction liens, and practical strategies for resolving construction disputes through effective mediation.

AGENDA

1 Construction Projects: Insurance and Indemnity 101
This presentation is intended for attorneys new to construction law and will provide an overview of the fundamental principles and structure of insurance and indemnity in construction projects. Topics will include builder's risk insurance, commercial general liability and professional liability policies, and indemnity provisions under Washington's anti-indemnity statute. The presentation will also examine clauses from standard American Institute of Architects contracts.
Colm Nelson – Stoel Rives LLP, Seattle, WA

2 Construction Liens 101
This session provides an overview of construction liens against private construction projects in the State of Washington. Topics will include how construction liens are created and perfected, their priority as to other liens and encumbrances, and how construction liens are foreclosed.
Magnus Andersson – Hanson Baker Ludlow Drumheller P.S., Bellevue, WA

3 Why Mediation Works in Construction Disputes
Construction disputes present complex legal, technical and business challenges, making mediation an especially effective tool for resolving conflicts efficiently. This program will provide practical guidance on successfully mediating construction cases, including selecting the right mediator, determining when to mediate, preparing clients, experts and insurance representatives, and addressing financial, contractual and strategic considerations unique to the construction industry. Participants will leave with practical strategies for conducting more effective mediations and improving the likelihood of successful resolution.
Judge Richard F. McDermott (Ret.) – JAMS, Seattle, WA