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Law Practice

Andy is the Chair of the firm's construction practice group and a former managing partner of the firm. His practice focuses on providing advice and counsel to contractors, developers, architects, and engineers, litigating construction defect disputes, and construction related professional negligence claims. He also has significant experience in defending personal injury, products liability, environmental, and premises liability litigation.

Education & Bar Admissions

Andy earned a bachelor's degree in economics at the University of Oregon in 1983 and his law degree from Northwestern School of Law, Lewis & Clark College in 1987.

Andy was admitted to the Oregon State Bar and United States District Court for Oregon in 1988. In 2011, he was admitted to the Washington State Bar.

INDUSTRIES

Construction

Professional Services

PRACTICE AREAS

Arbitration & Mediation

Construction Services &
Litigation

Environmental Law & Toxic
Torts

Personal Injury & Property
Damage Liability

Professional Liability

Professional

Andy is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon, the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, Oregon Association of Defense Counsel, the Defense Research Institute, the American Bar Association, and the Multnomah Bar Association. He has served on the Multnomah County Local Professional Responsibility Committee and the State Lawyer Assistance Committee. Andy is also a member of the ALFA International Construction Practice Group Steering Committee. ALFA International is the premier network of independent law firms, having 150 member firms throughout the world.

He frequently speaks and writes on all aspects of construction-from contract formation and bid process to construction disputes, liens, and post construction defect and professional negligence claims.

Civic

Andy volunteers as a member of the Owen Panner Inn of Court, a non-profit legal organization dedicated to the education and mentoring of young lawyers.

Personal

Andy enjoys gardening, hiking and bicycle riding.

Presentations

“Construction Disputes: A Comprehensive Guide on How to Avoid Settlement Table Risks LIVE Webcast”

Speaker - The Knowledge Group, 2020

“The Shifting Sands of Design Liability - Can You Manage to Escape It, or Will You Struggle and Be Swallowed by the Desert”

Speaker & Panel Moderator - ALFA International Construction Law Client Seminar, Banff, Canada, 2018

“ConsensusDocs 200 Workshop: Agreement and General Conditions Between Owner and Constructor”

Speaker - Construction Law Seminar by HalfMoon Education, 2018

“Construction Claim: From Soup to Nuts”

Speaker – CPCU I day seminar, 2017

“Did You Say Three Million Documents? Best Practices for Managing Truckloads of Information”

Speaker – ALFA International Construction Law Client Seminar, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, 2016

“Public Procurement Delivery Systems”

Speaker – Construction Law Seminar by HalfMoon Education, 2014

“Products Liability: Controlling Increasing Risk in the New Economy”

Speaker – ALFA International Construction Law Client Seminar, Asheville, NC, 2014

“Construction Contracting in Traditional and Alternative Project Delivery Systems”

Speaker – Construction Law Seminar by HalfMoon Education, 2013

“Pacific Northwest Coverage and Trends”

Speaker and Panel Moderator – MC Consultants – Western Region, Construction Defect and Insurance Coverage Conference. San Diego, CA, 2012

“What Contractors Should Know About Insurance”

Speaker – Cosgrave Vergeer Kester LLP CLE Seminar for Construction Contractors, 2012

“Limitation of Liability Claims and Risk Transfer Provisions”

Speaker and Panel Moderator – ALFA International Client Seminar. Chicago, IL, 2008

“Managing Construction Projects in Oregon”

Speaker – Lorman Education Services, 2007

“Pressing Issues in Oregon Construction Law”

Presenter – Unitrin Construction Group, April, 2006

“Oregon Construction Law – The Sky Is Not Falling”

Speaker – Cosgrave Vergeer Kester LLP Construction Seminar, 2005

“Oregon Construction Law – The Sky Is Not Falling”

Speaker – Beecher Carlson and Cosgrave Vergeer Kester LLP Construction Seminar, 2004

“Oregon Construction Law – The Sky Is Not Falling”

Speaker – Unitrin Insurance, 2004

“Oregon Construction Law”

Speaker – One Beacon, 2004

Awards

The Best Lawyers in America, Litigation – Construction (2018-2025); Construction Law (2018-2025)

“Oregon Super Lawyer,” Thomson Reuters, Construction Litigation (2019)