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BIO

Robert S. Peckar is a founding partner of Peckar & Abramson. Bob has devoted his career to serving the construction industry and bar. For decades, he has represented contractors throughout the United States and the world, gaining a widespread reputation for his legal acumen, his energetic representation and his creative approach to solving contractors' most challenging problems. In that regard, he was among the pioneers of creative dispute avoidance and dispute resolution techniques in the construction industry. Bob is currently continuing that service to the firm's clients, but also bringing expertise to clients around the globe in regard to corporate integrity programs and anticorruption issues (with particular emphasis on the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act).

Bob's unique level of service to the construction industry is exemplified by his tenure over many years as general counsel to the New York Building Congress (currently general counsel emeritus), the Building Trades Employers' Association of New York, the Building Contractors Association of New Jersey and the national Construction Financial Management Association. In addition, he has contributed his efforts to educational programs for the Associated General Contractors of America, the American Arbitration Association and many other organizations throughout the United States.

Service to the construction bar has also been an important element of Bob's dedication to the betterment of the construction industry. He has been an active member of the construction-related sections of the American Bar Association (ABA), and has presented papers and programs at bar association events in the United States and abroad throughout his career. He is a Fellow of the American College of Construction Lawyers, where he has chaired its ADR and International Law Committee.

Bob has authored many articles on construction law topics and dispute resolution in the industry, is a contributing author in several construction law textbooks and is the author of *New Jersey Practice: Construction Law*. He also serves as the Editor of *Getting the Deal Through – Construction*, an international survey of construction and construction law topics published by Law Business Research in coordination with the International Bar Association and the ABA Section of International Law.

Bob has been widely recognized as one of the leading construction lawyers for many years. For seven successive years, he was awarded the distinction as the Leading Construction Lawyer in the World by the *International Who's Who of Business Lawyers*. *The Legal 500: United States* has named Bob to the "Hall of Fame" every year since 2021 and in 2020 he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the *New Jersey Law Journal*.

Bob is admitted to practice in the State of New Jersey, the State of New York, the United States Supreme Court, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Circuits, the United States Court of Federal Claims and the United States District Court for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York and the District of New Jersey. Bob received his bachelor of arts degree from Rutgers University and his law degree from Columbia Law School.

HIGHLIGHTS

ADMISSIONS

- State of New Jersey
- State of New York
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Courts of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States Court of Federal Claims
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

EDUCATION AND COURSES

- Rutgers University, B.A.
- Columbia Law School, J.D.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Construction Dispute Resolution
- Corporate Compliance and Integrity Counsel
- International Construction and Infrastructure
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Crisis Management

MEMBERSHIPS

- Associated General Contractors of America
- Building Trades Employers Association of New York
- Building Contractors Association of New Jersey
- Construction Management Association of America
- American Road and Transportation Builders Association
- American College of Construction Lawyers (Fellow)
- American Bar Association (Construction Industry Forum)
- International Bar Association

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- *Chambers USA*, Construction Law, New York, 2017-2024
- *Chambers USA*, Construction Law, Nationwide, 2017-2022
- *ALM & Martindale-Hubbell* “New York Top-Rated Lawyers”, 2019-2020
- *The Legal 500: United States* - “Hall of Fame,” 2021-2024
- *The Legal 500: United States*
- *Who’s Who Legal: Business*, Leading Construction Lawyer in the World
- *Who’s Who Legal* - Thought Leader: USA, 2024
- *Who’s Who Legal* - Thought Leader: Construction, 2022-2023
- *Who’s Who Legal: Construction*, Senior Statespeople, 2021-2024
- *Bergen Magazine* “Top Lawyer” - Construction, 2023
- *Martindale Hubbell AV* Preeminent Rated
- *Best Lawyers*, 2003-2024
- *Best Lawyers* “Lawyer of the Year” in Construction Law-New York City, 2014
- *Best Lawyers* “Lawyer of the Year” in Litigation-Construction Law-New York City, 2021
- *New York-Metro Super Lawyers*, 2006-2023

- *New Jersey Super Lawyers*, 2005-2024
- *New Jersey Law Journal* Lifetime Achievement Award, 2020
- Women Builders Council “We for She Inspiration Award”, 2021

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- *Lexology’s Getting the Deal Through* – Construction, Annual since 19.. (Co-Author) “Dispute Resolution in Construction Projects,” a chapter for *The Law Reviews’ The Projects and Construction Review*, Annual since 2008 (Co-Author)
- “The Biden Administration, Government Stimulus, and PPP: The Return of the Regulators.” 2021 Construction SuperConference, December 2021 (Presenter)
- “Natural Disasters’ Impact on Construction in the United States,” *Construction Executive*, November 2020 (Co-Author)
- “Is It Live...Or Is It Virtual?,” *Best Lawyers Magazine*, Summer Edition, September 2020 (Co-Author)
- “Constructin in Latin America- A View Beyond Corruption Scandals,” *Daily Business Review*, December 2019 (Co-Author)
- “The Ethical Considerations of Representing International Contractors in a Corrupt World,” P&A Webinar, October 2019 (Presenter)
- “Future of the Construction Industry, Houston,” P&A Seminar, June 2019 (Co-Presenter)
- “Future of the Construction Industry, Dallas,” P&A Seminar, June 2019 (Co-Presenter)
- “Compliance in the Construction Sector,” CIDECE 2018, November 2018 (Keynote Speaker)
- “Can International Construction Managers Succeed without Corruption in a Corrupt World?,” Global Leaders in Construction Management Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics at Columbia University, October 2018 (Presenter)
- “The Value of Enlightened Dispute Avoidance and Resolution,” AGC of America Advanced Management Program, November 2018 (Co-Presenter)
- “Challenging Corruption in Construction – You Can Make a Difference,” 29th National Civil Engineering Congress, May 2018 (Keynote Speaker)
- “Contract & Alternate Dispute Resolution,” AGC of America’s Advanced Management Program, November 2017 (Co-Presenter)
- “What Construction Companies, In Particular, Can Do to Operate With Integrity and a Commitment Not to Engage in Corrupt Acts,” Anti-Corruption Conference sponsored by the CNEC (Camara Nacional de Empresas de Consultorio) and the Instituto Mexicano de Desorollo Tecnologico, January 2017 (Presenter)
- “Enlightened Management of Project Problems and Disputes,” Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat’s 2017 Conference Connecting the City: People, Density and Infrastructure, October 2017 (Presenter)
- “Decades of Minority Business Enterprise Programs in Construction: What Have They Accomplished?,” 2016 Construction Superconference, December 2016 (Co-Presenter)
- “The Nation’s Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Programs Over the Past Fifty Years,” P&A, Turner Construction Company and Smalls Electrical Contractors joint luncheon program, October 2016 (Co-Presenter)
- “Contract Dispute Resolution,” AGC of America Advanced Management Program, November 2015 (Co-Presenter)