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BIO

Amy Hackett is a partner in Peckar & Abramson's Boston office. Her practice is focused on the representation of general contractors, public and private owners, developers, financial institutions, and other clients in a wide range of complex construction, real estate, and other commercial litigation throughout New England and in other states.

Amy vigorously represents her clients in matters involving construction contract claims, design and construction defect claims, payment disputes, mechanic's liens, warranty claims, and lease and build-out disputes. Before joining P&A, Amy was most recently in-house counsel handling construction litigation, pre-litigation construction claims, and other matters for a public authority providing water and wastewater services to over 3.1 million customers in the greater Boston area.

Amy regularly appears in state and federal courts throughout New England and has appeared and argued successfully before the Massachusetts Appeals Court and First Circuit Court of Appeals. Her approach is to develop a comprehensive, business-minded, practical strategy at the outset of each matter to provide her clients with efficient, cost-effective, and successful resolution of their claims.

Amy's experience includes:

- Representing Texas-based EPC Contractor in over 11 actions in Maine and Massachusetts state and federal courts involving payment and performance disputes and mechanic's lien claims on five solar projects against electrical subcontractor, its factoring company, and lower tier subcontractors and vendors with over \$5 million in dispute.
- Representing design-build contractor in an over \$70 million breach of contract claim related to the expansion and renovation of two manufacturing facilities in Pennsylvania and Iowa.
- Obtaining arbitration award in favor of commercial tenant in a \$6 million California lease dispute arising out of landlord's failure to substantially complete build-out and fit-out of flexible workspace in timely.
- Representing public authority in action alleging the defective design and construction of replacement pipelines with over \$2 million in dispute.
- Defeating an action to stay arbitration of claims alleging violation of New York Prompt Payment Act in connection with \$26 million construction project on behalf of general contractor in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.
- Representing real estate developer against municipality in Massachusetts Superior Court for regulatory taking of land valued at over \$15.5 million arising out of municipality's restrictions on access to land preventing use and development of property.
- Handling pre-litigation construction claim on behalf of public authority related to contractor's defective work on a hydro turbine generator.

BIOGRAPHY CONTINUED

- Defending a commercial landlord in an \$8 million breach of lease action brought by tenant in Massachusetts Superior Court.
- Defending general contractor in an action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts to confirm a \$5 million foreign arbitration award related to an overseas construction project.
- Defeating summary judgment on behalf of a general contractor on claims for misrepresentation and unfair and deceptive trade practices arising out of work on a construction project.
- Representing real estate developer in an insurance coverage dispute and bad faith claims involving the collapse of buildings in Massachusetts Superior Court.
- Prevailing in the Massachusetts Appeals Court in a case involving a contract for the sale of commercial property.

Amy's litigation experience also includes representing residential and commercial lenders, loan servicers and other commercial entities in cases involving breach of contract claims, shareholder disputes, intentional torts, real estate title issues, violations of state and federal consumer protection laws, and unfair and deceptive trade practices.

Amy is a member of the Boston Bar Association, Real Estate Bar Association for Massachusetts, AGC of Massachusetts and the Construction Industries of Massachusetts. She was previously named to the *Massachusetts Super Lawyers* Rising Star list. Amy received her J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law, her M.A. from the University of Massachusetts Boston, and B.A. from Connecticut College.

HIGHLIGHTS

ADMISSIONS

- State of Massachusetts
- State of Maine
- State of New Hampshire
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- United States District Court for the District of Maine
- United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire
- First Circuit Court of Appeals

EDUCATION AND COURSES

- Connecticut College, B.A., *summa cum laude*
- University of Massachusetts Boston, M.A.
- Northeastern University School of Law, J.D.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Construction Dispute Resolution
- Business Litigation

HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

MEMBERSHIPS

- Boston Bar Association
- Real Estate Bar Association for Massachusetts
- Association of General Contractors of Massachusetts
- Construction Industries of Massachusetts

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- *Massachusetts Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2015 - 2019