

# Marvin Laws, Esq. Marvin Laws, PC

**Current Employer-Title** 

Marvin Laws, P.C., Owner/President

**Profession** 

Arbitrator, Attorney, Mediator

**Work History** 

Owner/President, Marvin Laws, P.C., 2017 - Present; Adjunct Professor, Construction Law, University of Oklahoma, College of Architecture, Construction Sciences Division, 2014 - Present; Associate, Partner, Hayes Magrini & Gatewood, Oklahoma City, 2000 – 2017 (Intern 1999).

**Experience** 

Primary practice in construction and surety law, prosecuting and defending numerous construction claims on a variety of topics, including:

- Contract Claims (Extra Work, Change Orders, Equitable Adjustments)
- Delay & Inefficiency
- Construction & Design Defects
- Bidding Disputes
- Payment & Performance Bond Claims (state and federal)
- Preparation, Recording, and Enforcement of Mechanics' Liens
- Negligence, Torts

Clients have included general contractors, subcontractors, owners, engineers, developers, sureties, and suppliers. Project size ranges from less than \$50,000 to very large (multi-million dollar MATCO & SATOC). Project types: Private (assisted living centers, apartments, churches, department stores, golf courses, hospitals, hotels, manufacturing facilities, office complexes, parking lots, residential developments, storage facilities; Public - State/Local (airports, bridges, dorms, hangars, highways, parks, schools, stadiums, streets, utilities, water ports, water treatment plants, zoos); Public - Federal (administration buildings, barracks, detention ponds, fuel depots, maintenance facilities, training facilities).

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience

Served as an advocate for clients in numerous mediations involving all types of construction claims and disputes, as well as advocate in several arbitration hearings conducted in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas. Served as a mediator and/or arbitrator in numerous construction cases involving public and private project owners, general contractors, subcontractors, insurers, architects, engineers, and many others.

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Training

17th Annual Advanced Mediation and Advocacy Skills Institute, ABA Section of Dispute Resolution (2019); Case Finances: What Arbitrators Need to Know, AAA (2019); Arbitrator Performance and Demeanor ~ Meeting Participant Expectations, AAA (2018); Arbitration Fundamentals and Best Practices, AAA (2017); Mediating

the Litigated Case, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University (2013).

#### **Professional Licenses**

Admitted to Bar, Oklahoma, 2000; U.S. District Court, Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma; U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit; U.S. Court of Federal Claims, 2009; Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, 2004.

#### Education

South Texas College of Law (J.D., 2000); University of Oklahoma (B.A., 1990).

### Professional Associations

- American Arbitration Association National Roster for Mediators and Arbitrators, Construction Panel (2017 Present)
- American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry (2000 Present)
- American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution (2017 Present)
- Associated General Contractors of Oklahoma (Legislative Committee Member 2017 Present)
- Oklahoma Bar Association (2000 Present)
- Federal Bar Association (2000 Present)
- Surety Underwriters Association of Oklahoma (Past President 2014-16)

## Publications and Speaking Engagements

Lecturer with the Oklahoma Bar Association, National Business Institute, and AGC of Oklahoma on topics concerning the construction industry and for continuing legal education. Teaches construction law at the University of Oklahoma, College of Architecture, Construction Science Division.

Co-Author of:

Construction Law from Start to Finish, National Business Institute, September, 2019

Construction Law: Advanced Issues and Answers, National Business Institute, October 26, 2018

WHAT WERE THEY THINKING? Understanding the Construction Project from the Public Owner's Perspective, American Bar Association, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, Fidelity & Surety Law Committee, 2014.

ABA Contractor's Licensing Bond Book, 2005/06 Edition.

## Citizenship Languages

United States of America

English

Locale

Mustang, Oklahoma, United States of America