Ron T. Blewett

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Current Employer-Title

Blewett Mushlitz Hally, LLP - Founding Partner, Now Of Counsel

Profession

Construction attorney, arbitrator and mediator for construction and complex commercial disputes.

Work History

Of Counsel, Blewett Mushlitz Hally, LLP, 2023 - present; Founding Partner, Blewett Mushlitz Hally, LLP, 2014 - 2023; Law Office of Ron T. Blewett, 2012-2013; Principal, Clark and Feeney, 1982-2012.

Experience

Construction attorney and ADR neutral for over 40 years. Extensive arbitration and mediation experience as a neutral in disputes around the Pacific Northwest. Extensive experience as an advocate in construction litigation on projects ranging in size from \$100,000 to \$100 million. Regularly represents contractors, subcontractors, sureties, engineers, architects and owners in prosecution and defense of construction disputes. Experienced in both defense and prosecution of design professionals in professional malpractice disputes. Experienced as both a member of and consultant to Dispute Resolution Boards. Extensive experience in disputes involving heavy and highway construction, building construction, and industrial construction. Extensive experience in all aspects of classic claims work, including changes, differing site conditions, schedule delays, quantity variations, construction defects, and terminations. Extensive experience with disputes involving subsurface conditions, rock drilling, rock blasting, rock crushing, excavation and embankment, erosion control and sedimentation, surfacing and paving, survey and location, concrete, bridge and dam construction, underground utilities, labor strikes, sewage and wastewater treatment, water systems, plumbing, electrical, framing, ironwork, roofing, bridge construction, schedule delays and liquidated damages, soils and geotechnical disputes, mining processes and mining rights, equipment warranty and equipment failure, bonding loss and business devastation, real estate development, subdivision development, real estate finance, and commercial leasing. Extensive experience in public works contracting disputes. Experience in contracting and disputes involving BIM modeling, solar, wind and hydro power construction.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience Arbitrator for over 35 years and mediator for over 25 years, involving construction and commercial disputes ranging in value from \$100,000 to over \$100 million. Extensive experience as sole arbitrator and as panel member. Experienced as panel chair. Member of the arbitration panel for the U.S. District Court, District of Idaho. Member of the DRB Panel roster for the Idaho Transportation Department.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Training

ACE 22 - Process Essentials for AAA Arbitrators, 2022; ACE 21 – Impartiality: Do You Know Where Your Biases Are?, 2021; ACE20 Cyber Security: A Shared Responsibility, 2020; AAA ACE19 Case Finances: What Arbitrators Need to Know, 2019; Arbitrator Performance and Demeanor ~ Meeting Participant Expectations, 2018; AAA Chairing an Arbitration Panel: Managing Procedures,

Process & Dynamics ACE05, 2017; AAA Protecting Your Award from Appellate Challenge, 2016; AAA, Crossing the Line: New Developments in the Law of Arbitral Jurisdiction 2015; Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law, STAR - A Systematic Approach to Mediation Strategy, 2012; AAA Managing the Arbitration Process for Efficiency & Economy Following the Preliminary Hearing, 2012; AAA/ICDR Neutrals Conference, 2012; AAA Building the Construction Arbitration Process to Optimize its Advantages, 2012; AAA Using Technology to More Effectively Manage a Large, Complex Case, 2012; AAA Triple Play, Arbitration Discovery, Delays, and Motions, 2012; AAA Forty Lines Mediators Can Hang Clothes On, 2012; AAA Maximizing Efficiency & Economy in Arbitration: Challenges at the Preliminary Hearing, 2011; Straus institute for Disute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law, Mediating Complex Construction Disputes, 2011; AAA Chairing an Arbitration Panel: Managing Procedures, Process & Dynamics ACE05, 2010, 2007, 2005; AAA Webinar, Arbitrator Boundaries: What are the Limits of Arbitrator Authority?, 2010; AAA Webinar, Five Steps to Fast-Track the Large, Complex Construction Case, 2010; AAA Dealing With Delay Tactics in Arbitration ACE04, 2006; AAA Arbitration Awards: Safeguarding, Deciding & Writing Awards ACE01, 2004; AAA Construction Arbitrator II Training: Advanced Case Management Issues, 2002; AAA Annual Arbitrator Update 2001; AAA Construction Mediator Training, 1997; AAA Construction Arbitrator Training, 1997; AAA Construction Industry Arbitrator Training, 1996; AAA Basic Arbitrator Training.

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: Idaho, 1982; Oregon, 2011; Washington, 2012.

Court admissions: U.S. District Court, District of Idaho, 1982. U.S. Court of Appeals; Ninth (1986) and Federal (1989) Circuits. U.S. Court of Federal Claims, 1986. U.S. Supreme Court, 1989.

Professional Associations

Fellow, Construction Lawyers Society of America; Dispute Review Board Foundation; American Bar Association (Public Contract Law Section; Tort and Insurance Practice Section; Construction Law Section); Idaho State Bar Association (ADR Section; Real Estate Section); Oregon State Bar Association (Construction Law Section); Washington Bar Association (Construction Law Section).

Education

University of Idaho (BS, Economics, with honors-1979; JD, with honors-1982).

Awards and Honors

Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award - 2008

Citizenship

United States of America

Languages

English

Locale

Lewiston, Idaho, United States of America

Compensation

Hearing: \$395.00/Hr Study: \$395.00/Hr Travel: \$0.00/Hr Cancellation: \$500.00/Day Cancellation Period: 2 Days

Comment: No Charge for travel time to Oregon, Washington, Montana,

Utah and Idaho locations. Reimbursement of reasonable costs and expenses, including travel expenses. Cancellation fee of up to 10% if hearing is canceled within 48 hours of

scheduled commencement date.