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Matthew (Matt) Seeley works with in-house counsel, business owners, project executives, and managers to provide legal advice focused on construction law and real property. This includes matters involving public and private construction claims and disputes, insurance coverage, real estate, and commercial litigation. Clients include general contractors, subcontractors, engineering firms, and owners.

Matt's strong work ethic, attention to detail, and team-oriented nature fit right in at Finch, Thornton & Baird, LLP. He is keenly aware of our clients' propensity to focus on the business of construction and getting the job done. It is also why Matt's ability to work efficiently is welcomed by clients seeking to achieve cost-effective objectives.

## CLAIMS AND DISPUTES

Delays and disputes over contract interpretation, work delays, breach by subcontractors, and not being paid by owners are common. Matt understands that keeping critical subcontractors working on a project and minimizing the harmful effects of work slow-downs, stoppages, or litigation are part of an effective legal strategy.

## COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE

Matt represents business and residential property owners on a variety of matters including tenant disputes, real estate transactions, and more. Attention to detail, strong research and writing skills, and an aptitude for innovative legal strategies serve Matt – and the firm's clients – very well.

## FEDERAL PROCUREMENT AND CLAIMS

The highly regulated federal construction domain presents frequent challenges to both federal prime contractors and subcontractors. Payment disputes with the government or between subcontractors and prime contractors are common. Matt works with contractors on issues relating to the Federal Acquisition Regulations, the Request for Equitable Adjustment (REA) process, and the Contract Disputes Act and Miller Act.

## PRACTICES

- Construction Law
  - *Claims & Disputes*
  - *Local Agency, Municipal & State Contracts*
  - *Federal Procurement & Claims*
  - *Prime Contracts & Subcontracts*
  - *Real Estate*
  - *Corporate*
- Business & Commercial Litigation
- Business & Commercial Transactions

## ADMISSIONS

- California: State Courts
- U.S. District Courts of California: Northern, Southern

## EXPERIENCE

- Construction litigation
- Public works of improvement and government contracts, including projects with local public agencies, cities, counties, state agencies, and federal government
- Delay, inefficiency, and extra work claims
- Surety obligations
- Mechanic's liens
- Stop payment notices
- Payment bond claims
- Performance bond claims
- Transactional matters specializing in the drafting and review of construction project agreements and public procurement compliance
- Local, state, and federal bid protests
- General business litigation

## EDUCATION

- University of San Diego School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*
  - *Order of the Coif*
  - *Dean's Outstanding Scholarship Recipient*
  - *National Mock Trial Team*
  - *Journal of Climate & Energy Law*
- University of Washington, B.A., Political Science
  - *Dean's List*
  - *National Society of Collegiate Scholars*