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A disciplined litigator and negotiator, Nowell Lantz works with general contractors, subcontractors, business owners and executives, property owners and developers, and high-value residential homeowners. Construction litigation, collection remedies, contract formulation and negotiation, and course-of-performance strategy and counsel are hallmarks of Nowell's practice. His clients include public works and private works contractors, subcontractors, and insurance and surety companies.

Substantial construction law experience empowers Nowell to be aggressive and act decisively on behalf of clients whenever circumstances warrant. If warranted, however, Nowell's calming demeanor emerges to manage and contain potentially contentious disputes from unnecessary legal escalation. His ability to effect cooperation and meaningful dialog has produced win-win outcomes many times over.

PRIVATE WORKS CONSTRUCTION LITIGATION

For general contractors plagued with subcontractor claims or lack of payment, Nowell's vast knowledge of project documentation combine with his command of specialized laws and collection remedies to provide efficient relief. These qualities consistently result in Nowell's clients getting paid – or avoiding unwarranted payments – and projects getting closed out in a timely fashion. As is most often the case, it is best to get a legal opinion before a situation spins out of control.

PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION LITIGATION

General contractors of public works face rampant regulation and administrative red tape. Ever striving to deliver prompt conflict resolution and net monetary benefits to his clients, Nowell's diplomacy and negotiating skills are valuable assets. Should negotiation prove insufficient, however, the scope of Nowell's representation includes all aspects of litigation from complaint filing through jury trial and judgment collection.

PRACTICES

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

ADMISSIONS

- California: State Courts
- U.S. District Courts of California: Central, Southern
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

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COURSE-OF-PERFORMANCE COUNSEL

Large or experienced general contractors or subcontractors understand the value that comes with working alongside an experienced legal partner throughout the life of a project. It is an area in which Nowell — and Finch, Thornton & Baird collectively — excels. There simply is no substitute for building the strongest possible case during construction instead of when the project is completed. The economic benefits of this approach are indisputable.

REAL ESTATE LAW

Business owners, developers, and residential homeowners sometimes encounter construction issues or problems for which legal counsel is required. These include deficient construction work, failed real estate transactions, and business disputes. Nowell's aggressive approach, balanced by his focus on achieving win-win outcomes when possible, may be just the solution your situation demands.

EXPERIENCE

- Course-of-performance counsel
- Public and private works disputes
- Delay, inefficiency, and extra work claims
- Foreclosure on mechanic's liens and enforcement of stop notices
- State and local bid protests
- Subcontractor listing and substitution issues
- California Air Resources Board and local Air Pollution Control matters
- General business litigation
- Local, state, federal, and private collection and bond actions
- Homeowner Association Standard of Care
- Defense of shareholder derivative claims
- Contractor/subcontractor disgorgement claims and defense

EDUCATION

- University of San Diego School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*
 - *CALI (AmJur) Awards recipient in five courses*
 - *San Diego Law Review*
 - *Order of the Coif*
- University of California at Berkeley, B.A., Legal Studies
 - *Active in Pi Kappa Alpha*

MEMBERSHIP

- Wallace Inn of Court
- Associated General Contractors of America, San Diego Chapter: *lectures on construction law issues*

RECOGNITION

- San Diego Super Lawyer for Construction Litigation *by Super Lawyers Magazine in 2016-2022*
- 2015 San Diego Rising Star *by Super Lawyers Magazine*
- San Diego Super Lawyer for Construction Litigation by the San Diego Business Journal in 2017 and 2018
- Earned the rank of Eagle Scout from the Boy Scouts of America