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Scott Bennett works with business owners and shareholders, executive management, and business partners to provide legal expertise in construction law, and business and commercial litigation. Scott's construction law practice focuses on bringing effective and efficient resolution to matters including claims, disputes, and collections. Clients include general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, manufacturers, and general businesses.

A tenacious litigator and negotiator, Scott's unwavering desire to achieve the best possible outcome for his clients is exemplary. He has a natural flair for strategy and is well attuned to implementing this effectively. Decisive and responsive, Scott is thorough in his preparation and confidently attacks issues with forethought and vigor. Above all else, Scott offers prudent business advice and pragmatic solutions to ensure clients are able to make informed decisions.

CONSTRUCTION LAW FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE WORKS

For general contractors and subcontractors, the business pains caused by delay, disruption, and defective work claims are common. So too are disputes over the validity of public contracts, bid protests, and collections issues. Scott understands. He understands the facts and evidence necessary to prove such claims. And he understands that maintaining healthy business relationships may be just as important as resolving matters monetarily. With Scott in your corner, client frustrations are minimized, claims and disputes are mitigated, and beneficial resolutions are achieved.

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

"Business friendly" is seldom listed among California's better qualities. One needs to look no further than to our business and commercial clients for confirmation.

PRACTICES

- Construction Law
  - *Claims & Disputes*
  - *Local Agency, Municipal & State Contracts*
  - *Prime Contracts & Subcontracts*
  - *Collections*
  - *Surety Law*
- Business & Commercial Litigation

ADMISSIONS

- California: State Courts
- U.S. District Courts of California: Southern
- Admitted as a Solicitor in England and Wales (currently non-practicing)

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From business disputes to collections issues, Scott consistently embraces the flow of problems for clients including real estate management and retail companies. Scott ensures clients obtain recovery wherever possible and stands ready to counsel clients faced hard decisions.

EXPERIENCE

- Construction litigation
- Commercial contract defaults, breach of contract, and breach of warranty
- Collections, Stop Payment Notices, Mechanic's liens, bond claims, and debt recovery
- Surety disputes and obligations
- Contract review
- Miller Act claims
- Public works of improvement and government contracts
- Bid Protests

EDUCATION

- Nottingham Law School, Legal Practitioners Course, *with Distinction*
- Nottingham Trent University, Bachelor of Laws LLB *with Honors*
  - *Honors of First Division in the Second Class (2:1)*

MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of California

RECOGNITION

- San Diego Rising Star by Super Lawyers Magazine in 2024
- ABC San Diego Construction Workforce Award - Young Professional of the Year, 2026

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