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Areas of Focus

- Construction
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Infrastructure

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Alex focuses his practice on construction contract administration, development agreements, and claims and litigation, including construction defects and delays, and claims involving defaults and terminations. Alex handles binding arbitrations, and jury and bench trials in Federal and State Court, and represents clients in Northern and Southern California.

Alex enjoys advising clients on project risks so that they can make informed decisions, whether it is at contract formation or during the course of construction. He has been involved in several significant public infrastructure projects, including dams, bridges, landfills, waste water treatment plans, solar power generation facilities and pipelines for gas and water distribution.

As part of his diverse construction litigation practice, Alex has handled bid protests involving municipal agencies as well as the Office of Hearings and Appeals for small business administration matters, and disputes involving commercial general liability policies, excess insurance and reinsurance issues, as well as surety coverage.

Alex served as an extern to the Hon. William J. Rea, United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Experience

- Obtained a $2.734 million judgment at trial for breach of contract, plus pre-judgment interest and attorneys' fees, for Beador Construction Co. on a heavy civil construction project against the City of Anaheim.

- Completed a 79 day court trial in San Francisco Superior Court resulting in a multi-million dollar judgment for the general contractor client in connection with project delays and impacts during the construction of a new hotel, plus an award of attorneys' fees, for a total judgment in excess of $10 million.
- Represented the general contractor in connection with Miller Act claims by subcontractors on the Weed Army Community Hospital replacement project at Ft. Irwin.
- Obtained a $152 million jury verdict for the owner in the Royal Palm Resort litigation and a 10-month jury trial in Guam involving the structural collapse of a high-rise hotel during an earthquake.
- Represented the owners of the Frank Gehry designed Walt Disney Concert Hall in connection with $60 million in claims asserted by the contractors, working closely with the County of Los Angeles' in-house and outside counsel to resolve the county's property rights with respect to the completed concert hall.
- Obtained a $30M arbitration award in a claim for defects in construction of a landfill.
- Secured a defense verdict at arbitration on behalf of a general contractor in a breach of contract claim involving the renovation of a historic building in which the client was also awarded its attorneys' fees.
- Lead counsel for mechanics' lien claimants on various matters pending before the Superior Court of California Complex Litigation Panel.
- Negotiated the construction contracts the Wilshire Grand Center, which, upon completion in 2017, became the tallest building west of the Mississippi.
- Negotiated the construction contracts for the Midfield Satellite Concourse project, the first all new terminal construction at the Los Angeles International Airport since the 1960's, which will house 22 new aircraft gates.
- Acted as Project Counsel for several complex construction projects, including the L.A. Stadium & Entertainment District (SoFi Stadium) project completed at the end of 2020.

Representative Work

Beador Construction v City of Irvine. Obtained a $2.7 million decision for the general contractor, plus attorneys' fees and pre-judgment interest in a Court trial, as a result of the public owner's project impacts and delays.

California Commerce Center, San Fernando. Represented owner/lessor of a 400,000 sq. ft. industrial warehouse in connection with a successful $6 million claim for defective installation of a rooftop solar power generation facility.

Desmond Gerald Bridge Replacement Project. Successfully represented and settled $6 million in claims against design-build contractor of the bridge travelers maintenance system.

San Francisco Virgin Hotel. Obtained a $5.3 million decision for the general contractor, plus attorneys' fees, in a 79-day Court trial as a result of the owner/developer's breach of the construction contract.

Fox Theater Oakland. Secured a defense verdict for the contractor at arbitration in a breach of contract claim involving the renovation of a historic building in which the client was also awarded its attorneys' fees.

Nu-Way Live Oak Landfill. Obtained a $30 million arbitration award for the owner in a claim for defects in the construction of an inert debris landfill.

Walt Disney Concert Hall. Represented owners in connection with $60 million in claims asserted by the contractors, working closely with the County of Los Angeles' in-house and outside counsel to resolve the county's property rights with respect to the completed concert hall.

Royal Palm Resort. Obtained a $152 million jury verdict for the owner in a 10-month jury trial on Guam involving the structural collapse of a high-rise hotel during an earthquake.

Represented owners and general contractors on several high-end (i.e. in excess of $10 million) residential home construction projects on claims involving defects, design issues, and schedule impacts.

Project Counsel for the general contractor on the L.A. Stadium & Entertainment District (SoFi Stadium).

LAWA Midfield Satellite Concourse project. Negotiated construction contracts for the first all-new terminal construction at LAX since the 1960s.

Wilshire Grand Center. Negotiated construction contracts on behalf of general contractor.

Publications

"Taking Responsibility: Who's At Fault? Lorenzo Court Says Everyone," co-author, Construction Insights & Analysis (April 2025)

"As Steel Tariffs Come Into Play, Contractors Should Review Contracts," *Daily Journal* (May 2018)

"Waiving the Right to Sue," *Construction and Design Newsletter*, Vol. 8 (2002)

"Tactical Disqualification for Attorneys," *ABTL Report* (May 1992)

Presentations

"A High Stakes Game: Managing Risks for Stadium & Entertainment Projects," Construction SuperConference (December 2019)

Press

"The Dotted Line: What Contractors Need to Know About E-Verify Requirements," *Construction Dive* (June 2023)

"The Dotted Line: Reviewing Construction Contracts with Recession in Mind," *Construction Dive* (February 2023)

"Hanson Bridgett in Growth Mode, Particularly in LA," *Daily Journal* (September 2022)

"New Construction Attorney Joins Hanson Bridgett," *California Constructor* (September 2022)

"Hanson Bridgett Makes Two Key Calif. Real Estate Hires," *Law360 Pulse* (August 2022)

"On the Move: Tracking the Ins and Outs of California Lawyers," *The Recorder* (August 2022)

Honors & Awards

Fellow, Construction Lawyers Society of America

Chambers and Partners USA, Construction (2018–2026)

Best Lawyers (2015–2027); Lawyer of the Year (2023)

Super Lawyers, Construction Litigation; Government Contracts (2013–2023)

Professional Affiliations

Los Angeles County Bar Association – Construction Subsection

AGC California – Legal Affairs Committee

Southern California Development Forum

Education

J.D., University of Southern California (1989)

B.A., University of Chicago (1985)

Admissions and Courts

California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California: Western Division