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Areas of Focus

- Construction
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution



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Rebecca advises owners, general contractors and subcontractors on risk mitigation and claims for public works, heavy civil, commercial and multi-family construction projects under fixed price, design-build, lease-leaseback, and GMP contracts. She litigates construction claims in arbitration and court for delay, inefficiency, extra work, defects, and design errors and omissions. Her practice includes counseling on bid protests, mechanics liens, and stop payment notices. With a rigorous approach to early dispute resolution and litigation, she is experienced in all phases of litigation including legal research, discovery, depositions, motion practice, oral argument, arbitration, and trial.

Representative Work

Public Works General Contractors. Advise general contractors on disputes with public entities and subcontractors including management of claims process, government code claims, terminations, and settlement.

Hotel Developer/Owner. Represented hotel developer/owner in multi-party litigation and arbitration involving construction claims of delay and extra work, design errors and omissions, and construction defects.

General Contractor in Multi-Family. Represented general contractor in AAA arbitration against builders risk insurer related to San Francisco multi-family

project leading to successful recovery on delay and extra work claims.

Subcontractor. Represent MEP subcontractor in AAA arbitration against general contractor related to delays and inefficiencies, extra work, and unpaid retention for hotel project.

Custom Electrical Distribution Manufacturer. Negotiate agreements on behalf of electrical distribution equipment manufacturer for multi-million dollar high tech and data center projects.

Public Owners. Represent public owners in disputes with design-builders and prime contractors related to delay, extra work, and non-conforming work claims.

Publications

“That’s a Wrap – When the United States tells the Supreme Court Your Qui Tam Suit is a Goner,” *Procurement Playbook* (December 2018)

“For Relators, the Roses Aren’t Necessarily Redder: The Ninth Circuit’s fresh Cut on Escobar for FCA Cases,” *Westlaw Journal Government Contracts* (November 2018)

“New Opportunities, New Risks – New Cost or Pricing Data Thresholds,” *Procurement Playbook* (July 2018)

“But There’s a Catch – California’s Wage-Credit Restrictions on IAF’s Still Stand,” *The Dispute Resolver*, ABA Forum on Construction Law (August 2018)

“Borrowing a Page from the USAO’s Playbook – Get Your FCA Suit Dismissed,” *Procurement Playbook* (March 2018)

“Escobar: Two-Stepping Away from False Claims Act Liability?” *Procurement Playbook* (October 2017)

“Uptick in Buy American Enforcement Means Increased False Claims Act Risks,” *Procurement Playbook* (June 2017)

Presentations

“Pure Water Soquel: from Day 1 to Done,” panelist, CSDA Annual Conference (July 2026)

Press

“Hanson Bridgett Announces 2025 Partner Promotions,” Hanson Bridgett Press Release (January 2025)

Honors & Awards

Super Lawyers, Construction Litigation; Business Litigation; Land Use/Zoning; Real Estate: Business; Real Estate: Consumer (2018-2023)

Best Lawyers, Construction Law (2026)

Professional Affiliations

State Bar of California

New Jersey State Bar Association

New York State Bar Association

The Bar Association of San Francisco

The American Bar Association, Forum on Construction Law

Academic Distinctions

Senior Notes and Comments Editor, *Fordham Intellectual Property, Media and Entertainment Law Journal*

Associate Editor, Fordham Law Moot Court Board

Education

J.D., Fordham University School of Law (2012)

B.A., Political Science, *cum laude* Tufts University (2009)

Admissions and Courts

California State Courts

New York State Courts

New Jersey State Courts

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

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

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

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

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

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma