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Areas of Focus

- Real Estate
- Construction

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Stuart has extensive experience representing award-winning heavy civil, industrial, commercial, and residential developers and general contractors in complex construction disputes. His knowledge has been utilized in a wide range of bet-the-company matters that include contract issues, strict products liability, project delay and disruption, loss of use, deficient quality, redevelopment matters, LEED green building construction complications, personal injury, and negligent supervision claims.

In addition to his litigation practice, Stuart provides transactional services, business counseling, and client presentations on a variety of subjects including best practices, master contract provisions, LEED-igation, insurance products, and the intricacies of SB800 or California's Right To Repair Law.

With intense interest in developing technologies, innovation, and alternative procurement methods such as design-build, IPD, and P3, Stuart is poised to lead the charge in providing services to the ever-changing and advancing construction industry.

Representative Work

Successful defense of a development company against construction-related claims for additional compensation by design-builder in excess of $10MM related to the design and construction of two assisted living facilities in Northern California (with a collective project value in excess of $50MM).

Successfully settled design error, delay, and disruption claims brought by client, an ENR top 25 heavy civil design builder, against its designer for major Southern California freeway expansion project. Defensed claims by designer for additional compensation.

Obtained correction of contractors' certified licensing histories for two ENR top 25 contractors.

Defended dispute in arbitration on behalf of well-known commercial and mixed use general contractor brought by its multi-discipline subcontractor to award, inclusive of fees, costs, and interest, that was less than half of the hard cost of damages claimed by the subcontractor.

Successfully resolved claim on behalf of heavy civil contractor, brought against its soil testing laboratory for conditions on site resulting from errors and omissions in soil testing, short of trial with near-demand settlement.

Represents extremely high-end SF Bay Area residential general contractor including preparation of suite of contract documents, negotiation of contracts, and resolution of disputes outside of formal litigation.

Asserted claims for additional payments from owner for technologically advanced builder of prefabricated multi-family residential units resulting in favorable settlement.

Prepared construction documents for prefabricating modular builder of Accessory Dwelling Units.

Represented commercial and mixed use builder in the negotiations of design contract with one of the nation's largest and best known architecture firm related to the design and construction administration of multiple mixed use towers.

Publications

"Federal Government Contracting: What to Expect Under Second Trump Administration," co-author, Insights & Analysis (January 2025)

"5 Things Contractors Should Know About the Infrastructure Act & the Inflation Reduction Act," co-author, *Construction Business Owner* (August 2023)

"Approaching Design-Build Projects to Avoid (or Win) Disputes," *Construction Executive* (June 2023)

"Q&A on IIJA: How Contractors Can Leverage Federal Infrastructure Funding for Maximum Benefit," co-author, *California Constructor* (May 2023)

"Unpredictable Times Require Strong Communication Skills," co-author, *Construction Executive* (June 2020)

"6 Legal Issues for COVID and Construction," co-author, *Contractor* (May 2020)

"Construction in the Age of COVID-19: Analyzing Impacts and Strategies," co-author, The Construction Owners Association of America's *Owners Perspective* (April 2020)

"Guidelines for Construction Owners Responding to COVID-19," co-author, Construction Law Alert (April 2020)

"Guidelines for Contractors Responding to COVID-19," co-author, Construction Law Alert (April 2020)

"Risk Management Advisory: Considerations for Engineers in Responding to COVID-19," co-author, Construction Law Alert (March 2020)

Presentations

"Beyond the Hype: Putting AI to Work in Construction Litigation," Associated General Contractors Retreat (September 2026)

"When Collaboration Bites Back: How to Avoid Common Design-Build Pitfalls," CMAA Focus25 (March 2025)

"Building Blocks: Exploring Legislative Updates in the Construction Industry," CMAA Northern California Chapter's Annual 2024 New Law Update (June 2024)

"Accountable AI: The Responsible Governance of AI and Emerging Technologies," California Western Law Review & International Law Journal 2024 Spring Symposium (March 2024)

"Understanding eDiscovery – How to Get it Right the First Time!," ELN eDiscovery & Data Governance Retreat (February 2024)

"Bitten by Terabytes? Ethics and E-Discovery," Hanson Bridgett MCLE Marathon (January 2022)

"Onward: Returning to Work and Other COVID-19 Considerations," moderator, California Chapter of the Construction Owners Association of America Webinar (July 2020)

Press

"Hanson Bridgett Launches San Diego Expansion with Addition of Health Care Partner Natalie Mueller," Hanson Bridgett Press Release (July 2025)

“US Manufacturing Boom Unlocks ‘Once-in-a-Lifetime’ Opportunity for Contractors,“ *Construction Dive* (November 2023)

Honors & Awards

Leaders of Influence: Thriving in Their 40’s, *Los Angeles Business Journal* (2023)

Professional Affiliations

Chairperson, Executive Committee of Construction Section for the San Diego County Bar Association

California Chapter Leader and Member, Construction Owners Association Of America National Leadership Council

Design-Build Institute Of America

Academic Distinctions

CALI Award Recipient: Torts

Education

J.D., Golden Gate University School of Law (2007)

B.S., University of California, Davis (2001)

Admissions and Courts

California

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