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Los Angeles, California



Current Employer-Title Kamine Law PC – Partner

Professional Summary California Court of Appeal, 4th District (1978-1979) Los Angeles City Attorney' Office (1979-2009) with over 50 jury trials (1 loss) and 3 construction court trials, prevailed in 2 and settled the 3rd after verdict. Retired as a top tier assistant city attorney. Partner in Kamine Law PC since 2009. Co-Recipient of the Construction Society Lawyers of America Life Time Achievement Award (2023). Recipient of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Robert Flaig Award for Outstanding Construction Lawyer 2016. Testified as an expert witness in a challenge to a contract award in a Los Angeles Superior Court. Served as a Arbitrator and Mediator for the American Arbitration Association since 1986.

Profession Attorney - Construction, Government Contracts, Municipal, Energy Law

Work History Partner, Kamine Law PC (and predecessor), 2009 – Present; Assistant City Attorney, Department of Water & Power/Department of Public Works Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, 1979 – 2009; Research Attorney, California Court of Appeal, 1978 – 1979.

Experience Primarily engaged in litigation of above law specialties. Ninety percent (95%) of practice involves construction law matters (breach of construction contract, claim preparation, mechanic's lien and stop notices), revolving around the construction of underground pipe installation, water, sewage treatment and power plants, public buildings, and recreational facilities. Ten percent (5%) of practice is in real property sales and leases, contracts, and energy procurement contracts.

Attorney representing various contractors and subcontractors in all aspects of construction contract disputes. Recognized by colleagues by: 2018-2022 Fellow Construction Lawyers Society of America; by 2016 Los Angeles County Bar Association Flaig Award for Outstanding Construction Litigator; by 2013 Engineering Contractor's Association Best Speaker Award, 2013-2023-Selected for Best Lawyers in America-Construction, and by 2017-2023 Selected for Marquis Who's Who in America-2019.

Mediator Experience Mediated 40 construction cases: ten between owner and design professional and contractor; 15 between owner and contractor; 8 between owner and subcontractor, 7 between contractor and subcontractor; and 8 between home owner and contractor.

Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator	The construction cases mediated have included a broad spectrum of issues including: delay damages, failure to perform, over inspection, design defects, differing site conditions, and contract scope interpretations.
Mediator Style & Process Preferences	I view the mediation process as an opportunity for the parties to explain their positions in a safe and protected environment. The desire to mediate in and of itself sets a tone that the parties wish to communicate the impact of the underlying cause of the litigation. In many instances, this is the first opportunity for each side to really see how the other side views the litigation. The mediator's role, my role, is to facilitate this conversation and then draw each side out as to their understanding of their respective strengths and weaknesses of the position that they are taking. As parties talk to themselves and to each other, the mediator can get a sense of what is driving the litigation. Once the mediator can understand a party's real issues, then resolution is possible. Sometimes that resolution may not be monetary. The mediator has an obligation to think outside the litigation causes of action and try to facilitate the parties coming up with a solution. In some instances, that situation may call for a mediator to suggest alternative resolution instead of or in addition to monetary compensation. This is particularly true for the homeowner versus contractor mediations.
Education	Southwestern University (JD, cum laude, Law Review Associate Note and Comment Editor-1978); University of California at San Francisco (BS-1967).
Professional Licenses	Admitted to the Bar: California, 1978; U.S. District Court: Central and Northern Districts of California; U.S. Court of Appeals: Ninth and Federal Circuits; U.S. Supreme Court.
Professional Associations	California State Bar Association (CEB Joint Advisory Committee, Past Chair; CEB Governing Board, Past Chair); California State Bar Public Law Section, Governing Board; Los Angeles County Bar Association (Past Delegate to State Bar Convention; Real Property Section, Construction Law Subsection, Past Chair). Charter Fellow Construction Lawyers Society of America OTHER: Beverly Hills Unified School District (Construction Advisory Commission, Commissioner; Oversight Committee Proposition K).
Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements	PUBLICATIONS: Co-author, "CONTRACTURAL PRACTICES AND STANDARDS," Proceedings World Tunnel Congress, 1997; "Statutory Deadlines," CALIFORNIA LAWYER, May 1995; speaker, "Differing Site Conditions," CJA/TRG Real Estate Litigation Seminar, 1991; co-author, chapter 4, CALIFORNIA CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS & DISPUTES, 2nd edition, 1990; consultant, CALIFORNIA MECHANICS LIENS AND OTHER REMEDIES, 2nd ed., 1988; co-author, "Construction Contracts," chapter 22, CALIFORNIA BUSINESS LITIGATION JURY INSTRUCTIONS, 1985; "Narrowing Allegations of Due Process," PUBLIC LAW NEWS, vol. 8, no. 3, 1984; "When Does Christmas Mean 'Establishment of Religion?'," PUBLIC LAW NEWS, vol. 7, no. 3, 1983; Comment, "The Potential Adequacy of the California Uniform Determinate Sentence Law," 10 SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 153, 1978. SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS: "Bid Protests," Los Angeles County Bar Assn., 2019; "Differing Site Conditions," Los Angeles County Bar Assn. 2019; "Bid Protests" Construction Network 2019; "Differing Site Conditions," Construction Lawyers Society of America Conference 2018; "Bid Protests," 2017, In-House Program, Coachella Valley; "Bid Protests Live," Los Angeles County Bar Assn, 2013, 2010; "Bid Protests," CMAA, 2017, 2015, 2014, 2012; Speaker, "Comprehensive Construction Law in California," Lorman Education Services, 2006; Speaker, "Construction Litigation," International Association of Assembly Managers, 1998; Co-author, "CONTRACTUAL PRACTICES AND STANDARDS," Proceedings World Tunnel Congress, 1997; "Statutory Deadlines," CALIFORNIA LAWYER, May 1996; Speaker, "Public Works: Contracts & Litigation," CEB, 1995; Speaker, "Legal Issues, Problems and Trends in the Construction Industry," Western Council of Construction Consumers (WCCC), 1993; Speaker, "A New Approach to Handling Your Construction Disputes," WCCC Alternate Dispute Resolution Workshop, 1993; Speaker, "Differing Site Conditions," CJA/TRG Real Estate Litigation Seminar, 1991.
Locations Where Parties Will Not be Charged for Travel Expenses	Los Angeles County
Mediation Rate	\$420 Per Hour

Languages	English
Citizenship	United States of America
Locale	Los Angeles, CA

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