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**Chicago, Illinois**



**Current Employer-Title** Laurie & Brennan LLP

**Profession** Attorney - Construction

**Work History** Laurie & Brennan LLP, 2010-present; Partner and National Chair of Construction Practice Group, DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US, LLP, 2004-09; Partner and Co-chair, Construction Law Group, Schiff, Hardin LLP (1997-2004); Partner Schiff Hardin LLP (and predecessor firm), 1992-97; Associate Schiff Hardin LLP (and predecessor firm) 1989-1991; Associate, Neal, Gerber, Eisenberg & Lurie, 1987-89; Associate, Lurie, Sklar & Simon, 1986-87.

**Experience** Practices construction law nationwide. Representative matters include reconstruction of and claims by sports stadiums, including Soldier Field in Chicago and Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia; capital improvement and replacement projects for hospitals; and construction of high-rises and multi-use complexes. Served as construction counsel for a national retailer; chaired a zoning appeals board; and belonged to the governor's commission implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act in state facilities. Counsels on project delivery methods, negotiates contracts emphasizing dispute avoidance/resolution, ensures compliance with ADA, litigates in state and federal courts, and is a certified mediator/arbitrator.

**Mediator Experience** Has mediated approximately 120 construction cases. Many are more than 4 parties. Most involve owners, contractors and design professionals but one or two have involved only a general contractor and subcontractors. The types of projects include stadiums, hospitals, corporate headquarters, high rise multi-use developments, multi-family housing and various types of industrial and process plants.

**Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator** The issues involved in the mediations presided over range from change order disputes to complicated design malpractice claims. Most involve claims for delay damages or acceleration. Many involve a litany of construction defects. Familiar with mechanical failures, structural defects, concrete problems, scope-of-work disputes, slurry wall failure, and process plant problems.

**Mediator Style & Process Preferences** I facilitate mediations by quickly understanding the facts, issues and positions of the parties, evaluating and communicating the fair positions of the parties and driving to a conclusion fair and equitable deals. I am interested in getting all relevant facts disclosed so that business people can make sound business judgments. I assist in these judgments and provide evaluations at the

appropriate time. I have settled over 90% of the cases I have mediated.

**Education**

Northwestern University (BA-1983); University of Michigan (JD-1986)

**Professional Licenses**

Admitted to the Bar: Illinois, 1986; U.S. District Court, District of Illinois, 1987

**Professional Associations**

Fellow, American College of Civil Trial Mediators;  
Fellow, American College of Construction Lawyers;  
Member, National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals;  
Certified Mediator, International Mediation Institute (IMI) and AAA;  
Fellow, American Bar Foundation;  
Past Chair, American Bar Association Member, Illinois Society of Construction Attorneys and Chicago Bar Association ;

**Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements**

- Speaker (as mediator)in mock-mediation in "Time to Pull the Plug: When to Advise the Client to Terminate", ABA Forum on the Construction Industry Annual Meeting, New Orleans (April 12, 2014)
- Speaker "Effective Mediation Strategies", ADR Systems of America (July 24, 2013)
- Co-presenter "Most Controversial A201 Provisions", Society of Illinois Construction Attorneys (March 20, 2012)
- Executive editor, THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS BOOK, ABA Publications, 2004;
- Author of numerous construction-related articles in national and industry publications;
- Invited speaker at over 30 events regarding construction law issues;
- Program chair of several national American Bar Association conferences on construction law.

**Mediation Rate**

\$15,000 Per Day

**Languages**

English

**Citizenship**

United States of America

**Locale**

Chicago, IL

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