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Professional Summary

Sean McChristian is certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Construction Law and his practice covers the full life cycle of complex design and construction projects in the private and public sectors. He frequently drafts and negotiates design and construction contracts, including EPC agreements, design-build agreements, BOP agreements, and master service agreements. Once a project enters the execution phase, Sean is often asked to aid in resolving project performance issues that impact the cost of the work, the time required to complete the work, or the quality of the work. In those situations where an early resolution is not achieved, he represents his clients in the mediation, arbitration, and litigation of complex design and construction claims and disputes. In addition to serving as an advocate for his clients, Sean is also a mediator. His mediation practice covers all manner of civil disputes with a particular focus on commercial litigation matters.

Current Employer and Title

Porter Hedges LLP

Work History

Attorney with Hoover Slovacek LLP from May 2008 to February 2011

Attorney with Coats Rose from March 2011 to December 2013

Attorney with Porter Hedges LLP from January 2014 to the Present

ADR Experience

Represented an owner in an arbitration involving claims exceeding \$40 million arising from the design and construction of a wind farm in Missouri.

Represented an industrial subcontractor in a change order and payment dispute with the prime contractor on a tank farm expansion project and its surety.

Negotiated the settlement of claims exceeding \$23 million arising from the design and construction of a wind farm in North Dakota.

Represented a large steel manufacturer in claims for over \$13 million for delay and disruption against a general contractor on a U.S. Army base project.

Drafted new construction manager-at-risk procurement package for a Texas municipality.

Represented a facility owner in an arbitration related to \$38 million in claims arising from project to transition a methane reformer into a natural gas-to-liquids facility.

Represented a general contractor in connection with a nonpayment claim by a subcontractor and claims against a municipality and its engineer related to delays and wrongful denial of change orders arising from the expansion of a municipal water treatment facility.

Reviewed and negotiated numerous contracts and master services agreements on behalf of an industrial contractor.

Represented an EPC contractor in connection with the termination of a subcontractor for cause due to various issues with work performed on a refinery expansion project.

Drafted and negotiated agreement between owner and construction manager for the construction of a luxury car dealership.

Represented the owner and developer of a hotel in claims against the general contractor, mechanical subcontractor, HVAC supplier, HVAC equipment manufacturer, HVAC component manufacturer, piping insulation manufacturer, and associated sureties arising from a defective and malfunctioning HVAC system.

Represented a publicly traded company in claims related to the collapse of a retail building adjacent to property under development.

Represented a commercial tenant in claims arising from an unlawful lockout and the landlord's refusal to pay a tenant improvement allowance.

Represented a commercial landlord in claims related to a tenant's failure to pay for labor and materials furnished by construction contractors and related improper lien filings.

Represented a property owner in claims against the owner of an adjacent shopping center arising from damage to a retention pond and other drainage improvements caused by stormwater runoff.

Represented a framing subcontractor in claims by a general contractor related to the quality of work performed during construction of a midrise apartment complex and associated delay and liquidated damages claims.

Represented a disaster recovery contractor in claims against a governmental entity arising from work performed after Hurricane Ike related to the amount owed for work performed and counterclaims based on allegations of improper overbilling.

Represented an industrial contractor in delay and inefficiency claims arising from construction of a new methyl acrylate unit at a chemical facility.

Represented an EPC contractor regarding extra work claims made by subcontractor arising from design and construction of new cracking furnaces at a chemical facility.

Represented an industrial contractor regarding nonpayment and lien claims arising from the construction, repair, and retrofitting of a biofuel refinery.

Represented a general contractor and its surety regarding nonpayment claim and claim on payment bond by a subcontractor.

Represented an engineer and surveyor in claims regarding over clearing of trees and brush in connection with installation of new sewer line.

Represented homeowners and builders in various residential construction defect claims.

Technology Proficiency	Have conducted many virtual mediations
Education Background	J.D., South Texas College of Law, cum laude, 2008 B.A., University of Texas at Austin, Government, 2005
Professional Connections	State Bar of Texas, Construction Section, Member American Bar Association, Member Houston Bar Association, Construction Section, Member
Mediation Rate	\$4,000 Per Day
Languages	English
Locale	Houston, TX

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