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Chris Sillari is an experienced litigator and business advisor who works with federal contractors, general contractors, subcontractors, and commercial development owners. His expertise includes federal contractor disputes and procurement protests, construction contract negotiation, and general business litigation. Attention to detail is part of his DNA and Chris applies that thoroughness when reviewing and negotiating construction contracts and pursuing claims and protests. Internally, peers frequently turn to Chris for his specialized knowledge and watchful eye.

FEDERAL PROCUREMENT AND CLAIMS

The highly regulated federal construction domain presents frequent challenges to federal prime contractors and subcontractors alike. Payment disputes with the government or between subcontractors and prime contractors are common. So too are disputes surrounding the awarding or non-awarding of procurements that often lead to the filing of bid protests. Chris Sillari's knowledge of the federal procurement protest process, Federal Acquisition Regulations, and experience pursuing disputes under the Contract Disputes Act is extensive. This experience proves invaluable when the resolution of claims or reconsideration of procurements is the goal.

CONSTRUCTION LAW

The nature of the relationships between prime contractors and subcontractors is of vital importance in determining the outcome of every construction project. The same is true of the relationships between owners and general contractors. Resolving payment disputes and obtaining fair, or favorable, construction contracts are among the many client problems Chris routinely faces. The solution? Customized and thoroughly

PRACTICES

- Construction Law
 - *Claims & Disputes*
 - *Local Agency, Municipal & State Contracts*
 - *Federal Procurement & Claims*
 - *Project Counsel*
 - *Prime Contracts & Subcontracts*
 - *Collections*
- Business & Commercial Litigation
- Business & Commercial Transactions

ADMISSIONS

- California: State Courts
- U.S. District Courts of California: Central, Eastern, Northern, Southern
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- Boards of Contract Appeals

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negotiated contracts that can go a long way toward enhancing a client's position going into a project. By affecting a practical approach to dispute resolution, Chris is often able to achieve win-win outcomes for all parties involved.

BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

In addition to legal counsel provided to the firm's construction clientele, Chris also works with owners and C-suite executives of non-construction businesses. This work frequently centers on payment disputes for local service providers and commercial property owners. Again, experience and level-headed advice are invaluable. It is Chris's ability to get opposing parties to first agree on what is practical that often puts them on the path to expeditiously achieving fair and equitable outcomes.

EXPERIENCE

- Construction litigation
- Federal claims and procurement disputes including Miller Act claims, Contract Disputes Act Claims, and GAO protests
- Course-of-performance counsel
- Mechanic's liens, stop payment notices, and payment bond claims
- Delay, inefficiency, and extra work claims
- Public and private works disputes
- Public works of improvement and government contracts, including projects with local public agencies, cities, counties, state agencies, and federal government
- Local, state, federal, and private collection and bond actions
- Transactional matters specializing in the drafting, reviewing, and negotiating of construction agreements
- General business litigation
- General business counseling

EDUCATION

- University of San Diego School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*
 - *Law Review*
 - *Order of the Coif*
- James Madison University, B.S., Public Administration and Political Science

MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of California

RECOGNITION

- San Diego Rising Star by *Super Lawyers Magazine* in 2015, 2016, and 2017
- Best of the Bar by the *San Diego Business Journal* in 2016

LEADERSHIP

Mr. Sillari is an accomplished public speaker and regularly addresses the construction community on a range of legal, training and educational topics:

Top 10 Issues For Construction Contract Negotiations

Indemnity Made Simple For Construction Law

Contracts: Project Management Mistakes And How To Avoid Them

Contract/Subcontract Review Best Practices

Bid Protest Basics: Local, State, and Federal