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Robert Crewdson has a national and international practice focusing on the litigation and transactional needs of multi-national and national owners and contractors in the construction industry.

Robert handles significant disputes for owners and contractors across the country and around the world, including mediation, arbitration, and state and federal litigation matters. He has handled major disputes and litigation involving a wide variety of construction projects, including power plants, infrastructure projects, airport expansions, stadiums, mixed-use projects, healthcare facilities, office buildings, multifamily and projects and hotels. These matters have ranged from contractor terminations and extra work claims to delay claims and significant construction defect litigation.

He also advises clients with respect to the preparation of form contract documents, internal contracting and procurement policies, claims avoidance practices and in-house staff training.

- Construction and Engineering
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- International Arbitration
- Real Estate

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Representative Experience

- Counsel to one of the largest energy companies in the world with respect to the construction of power plants in Asia
 - Counsel to a power company with respect to the termination of a contractor, and arbitration of claims, arising out of a power plant in the Dominican Republic
 - Counsel to one of the largest baggage handling companies in the world for the construction of one of the largest private air transport facilities in the world
 - Counsel to two of the top twenty contractors in the nation for litigation in the Southeastern United States
 - Counsel to a major national multi-family developer with respect to the litigation of \$100 million in defective work claims in New York
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Admissions

- Georgia

Recognitions

Chambers USA has repeatedly recognized Robert for his construction work and has hailed him as "a true expert in construction contract law." Clients reported, "he is very professional with great efficiency, and is also great at watching our budget," as well as "very good at putting together the contract and making sure everything fits. [They] find his litigation background very helpful in assessing potential risks and deciding whether it's a risk [they] want to take." "With [Robert's] strong negotiating skills on the development side, he is especially well versed in issues affecting the retail development business, though he and his team offer an impressive breadth of knowledge across infrastructure issues. Market sources credit him with the success of the practice, mentioning its value for money, fast turnaround times and efficiency." "[R]ecognized for his high-level work, [sources have called Robert] 'a heavy hitter' in the field." The directory has noted his "diverse practice representing owners, developers and contractors." Robert has "an interesting and well-established construction practice that takes in both dispute resolution and the drafting of contracts."

Robert has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2005, in the *Legal 500* and as a *Super Lawyer*.

Prior Experience

- A business law firm in Atlanta, 1987 – 1992
- An international law firm and the largest law firm in Atlanta, 1992 – 2007

Education

- J.D., University of Virginia School of Law 1987
Editorial Board, *Journal of Law and Politics*
- M.A., College of William and Mary 1987
- B.A., University of the South 1983
magna cum laude
Phi Beta Kappa

Memberships

- Atlanta Bar Association, Construction Section—Past President (2000 – 2001)
- International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)
- National Multi Housing Council (NMHC)
- American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA)
- American Conference of Healthcare Executives (ACHE)
- Georgia Association of Healthcare Executives (GAHE)

INSIGHTS

Robert has lectured frequently on construction issues for such groups as the American Institute of Architects, International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), American Society of Healthcare Engineers (ASHE), Lorman, and the State Bar of Georgia (ICLE), and has published an extensive number of articles and treatise chapters dealing with a wide variety of construction law topics. For more than a decade, he annually chaired ICLE's "Construction Law for the General Practitioner" program.

Publications

- Author, "Should an owner limit the architect / engineer's liability?," *DLA Piper News Alert*, May 26, 2016

- Author, "The importance of coordinating dispute resolution clauses in construction contracts," *DLA Piper News Alert*, May 26, 2016

Events

- Speaker, "Construction Issues in Industrial Leasing," as part of the Industrial Leasing Workshop CLE, March 28, 2022