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Anthony Meagher's practice concentrates on the arbitration and litigation of construction claims, the negotiation of construction contracts, and the litigation of other commercial disputes.

Anthony regularly represents developers, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and manufacturers in construction claims and product defect litigation. He has litigated and arbitrated construction claims throughout the country and internationally.

Anthony also has successfully utilized mediation to resolve a number of significant construction disputes, and is a trained mediator who mediates construction and other commercial disputes. Anthony has negotiated design and construction contracts on major industrial and professional sports facilities, schools and other public facilities, and numerous other types of commercial developments.

Anthony has extensive experience handling construction claims involving a wide variety of issues on such projects as industrial facilities, office buildings, hotels, retail development, and multifamily housing, as well as extensive experience handling a variety of other real estate-related litigation, including leasing disputes, disputes involving the sale of commercial real property, brokerage commission disputes, property boundary disputes, easements, restrictive covenants, and other similar matters.

In 2019, Anthony was selected as a Fellow of the American College of Construction Lawyers. The College notes, "Fellowship is extended by invitation to those who are found to have mastered the practice or the teaching of construction law and dispute resolution in the complex technical and legal fields pertaining to the built environment, whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, scholarship, professionalism, and collegiality, and who have demonstrated a commitment to give back to the construction industry."

- Construction and Engineering
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- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Infrastructure Finance
- International Arbitration
- Product Liability, Mass Torts and Product Stewardship
  
- Real Estate

Anthony has represented:

- The American subsidiary of an Italian cement manufacturer in a multi-week AAA arbitration relating to the construction of a new

cement plant (half-billion dollar project value) along-side an existing and operating plant. Successfully defended against the contractor's claim for in excess of \$50 million in additional costs relating to delays and alleged scope changes

- An international EPC contractor in claims relating to US chemical plant project. Lead counsel in 10+ day AAA (ICDR) arbitration seated in New York, resulting in substantial award for contractor, together with interest, fees, and costs
- The owner of the World Trade Center site in Lower Manhattan in construction matters relating to its redevelopment, including two arbitrations, the last involving a claim in excess of \$3.5 billion for delay in the completion of infrastructure and turnover of development sites. Damage claim denied in its entirety
- A major Washington-area developer in construction and real estate disputes involving several office, multi-family, and mixed-use projects
- Two National Football League franchises in connection with construction of their new football stadiums. Matters included defense of two multimillion-dollar claims, negotiation of a complex closeout agreement, and pursuit of substantial design claims
- A steel manufacturer on a nationwide basis in construction claims and construction product defect cases. Matters have included construction claims for payment on major stadiums and arena projects, roof collapses due to snow and other overload conditions and construction injury cases, including wrongful death, and other serious personal injury matters
- A cement manufacturer, as project counsel, on a multi-hundred-million-dollar cement plant modernization project. Representation included drafting and negotiating in excess of 30 design, construction and equipment supply contracts; advising the client on day-to-day project performance issues; and handling the defense and resolution of several significant construction claims
- An international developer of a Caribbean resort hotel, including negotiation of construction management contract and arbitration of claim for defective performance
- A poultry supplier in negotiation of numerous design and construction contracts for several projects, including a prototype industrial processing facility for poultry litter. The representation included drafting and negotiation of a sizeable design-build construction contract and handling a construction claim relating to site work
- A national outlet mall developer in defense of a multimillion-dollar claim involving construction of new retail space
- Several commercial retailers and other parties in disputes regarding the buildout of leased premises
- Several municipalities in construction matters relating to the construction of correctional facilities, schools and other public facilities, including drafting and negotiating design and construction contracts, and litigating or arbitrating construction claims

## CREDENTIALS

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### Admissions

- Maryland

### Recognitions

- *The Legal 500 United States*
- The Best Lawyers in America, every year since 2005, Construction Lawyer of the Year 2015
- Benchmark Litigation—Local Litigation Star, Construction
- Super Lawyers, Construction
- Who's Who Legal: Construction
- Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders-Construction
- Maryland's Legal Elite, SmartCEO magazine

### Education

- J.D., University of Maryland School of Law 1988  
*with honors*  
Order of the Coif  
Co-Chair, Moot Court Board

- B.A., Texas Lutheran University 1985  
*summa cum laude*

## Courts

- United States Court of Appeals for Maryland
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland

## Memberships

- Former Chair, Construction Law Section (formerly Construction Cases Committee of the Litigation Section) of the Maryland State Bar Association
- ABA Section of Public Contract Law
- ABA Forum on the Construction Industry
  - Member, Governing Committee, 2006 – 2009
  - Former Chair, Steering Committee of Division Five-Contract Negotiation, Performance and Administration

## INSIGHTS

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Anthony frequently lectures on construction related topics for the ABA, Lorman Education, Federal Publications, and the Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers. He also has authored several papers on construction topics.

## Events

### Previous

#### **COVID-19 and construction: touching all the bases now**

14 April 2020 | 1:30 – 2:30 ET  
Webinar

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- Speaker, Outkicking Your Coverage: Construction Insurance and Risk Management Strategies International Council of Shopping Centers, October, 2018
- Speaker, Advocacy Practicum: Handling Delay Claims, ABA Forum on Construction Law, April 2018
- Speaker, MSBA Advanced Real Property Institute: AIA 2017 Documents, Maryland State Bar Association, Real Property Section, September, 2017
- Faculty Member, ABA Forum on the Construction Law Trial Academy (bi-annual program), 2014-present
- Chair, ABA Forum on Construction Law Trial Academy, Washington, DC, June 26 – 28, 2012
- Speaker, "What is a Schedule Good For? A Study of Issues Posed by Schedules for Complex Projects," ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, Houston, February 2, 2012

## NEWS

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#### **DLA Piper advises BayFirst Solutions in its acquisition by Versar, Inc.**

7 June 2021

DLA Piper represented BayFirst Solutions, LLC in its recent acquisition by Versar, Inc., a global project management company for the US federal government and commercial industries.

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