



Christine E. Drage, Esq.  
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### Primary Areas of Expertise

Complex Construction  
Construction Contracts

### Professional Summary

Highly experienced lawyer with over 30 years of experience with complex construction litigation and routinely sought after regarding major construction projects throughout the United States, including but not limited to transportation, tunnels, healthcare, energy, wastewater treatment plants, hospitality, performing arts centers/entertainment/stadiums/convention centers, justice projects, highrise residential/mixed use/ commercial/retail, massed produced, and single family residential projects.

### Current Employer-Title

W&D Law, LLP (formerly Weil & Drage, APC) - Owner, Shareholder, Founding Partner

### Profession

Attorney

### Work History

Founding Partner, W&D Law, LLP, 2004-Present; Partner/Associate/Law Clerk, Collins, Collins, Muir & Stewart (currently Collins + Collins, LLP), 1992-2004.

### Experience

Extensive experience with multi-million and multi-billion dollar public and private construction projects involving every type of delivery method and legal issue, including but not limited to bidding, delays and cost overruns, construction management, construction defects, project suspensions, terminations, contract negotiations and alleged breaches, standard of care issues for all disciplines, Force Majeure events, liens, property damage, catastrophic personal injury and death claims. Experience with virtually every type of design and construction related matter and legal issue, and has worked closely with all design and construction disciplines and insurance carriers around the globe.

### Mediator Experience

Participated as lead attorney in hundreds of mediations over the course of 30 years representing parties to complex construction projects throughout the United States.

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**Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator** Issues involving multi-million and multi-billion dollar public and private construction projects involving every type of delivery method and legal issue, including but not limited to bidding, delays and cost overruns, construction management, construction defects, project suspensions, terminations, contract negotiations and alleged breaches, standard of care issues for all disciplines, Force Majeure events, liens, property damage, catastrophic personal injury and death claims. Has handled virtually every type of design and construction related matter and legal issue, and has worked closely with all design and construction disciplines and insurance carriers around the globe.

**Mediator Style & Process Preferences** Evaluative. In complex construction matters, all relevant Contract Documents for the project, including but not limited to all relevant written executed agreements and any exhibits referenced therein (if not executed, then a note indicating if one exists or if agreement(s) is verbal only); General Conditions, Supplementary General Conditions, relevant meeting minutes, Change Orders, plan and specification excerpts, key deposition testimony if applicable, chronology of relevant events, mediation briefs, and other information from the parties on a confidential basis prior to the mediation. Party autonomy in mediation is respected and will share views of the respective parties' positions as a neutral when requested or when it appears that it will assist with resolution.

**Technology Proficiency** Very familiar with online platforms like Zoom, LoopUp, and GoToMeeting, and willing to conduct hearings/conferences using these platforms.

Also well versed and proficient with specialized software programs, such as AI, project management, payroll, learning management systems (LMS), accounting and financial, design and drafting, contract management, time and billing, among others, to enhance case analysis and decision-making processes.

Construction disputes have always been document intensive because they often involve multiple parties, facts developing over years, and thousands of documents, if not millions, spread amongst developers, owners, architects, engineers, construction managers, general contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers. Technological advances have led to vast amounts of electronically stored information (ESI) that may be discoverable and useful during dispute resolution.

Strongly understands the requirements for managing the expanse of ESI that may be related to the underlying disputes, as well as the legal discovery and evidentiary issues that often arise as a result.

**Education** Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School (JD, International Moot Court, Trial Advocacy-1993); University of San Diego (BA, English, NCAA Division I Tennis-1990).

**Professional Licenses** Admitted to the Bar: California (1993), Nevada (1998); U.S. District Court: Central and Southern Districts of California, District of Nevada; United States

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Supreme Court.

**Professional  
Associations**

State Bar of California; State Bar of Nevada; Clark County (Nevada) Bar Association; Orange County Chapter American Institute of Architects (Affiliate Member); Clark County (Nevada) Chapter American Institute of Architects (Affiliate Member); American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Nevada (Associate Member); WBENC – Women's Business Enterprise National Council; Sports Lawyers Association.

**Recent Publications &  
Speaking Engagements**

The California Chapter of State-By-State Guide to Design and Construction Contracts and Claims (2012-2023 Supplements, Aspen Publishers); The Nevada Chapter of State-By-State Guide to Design and Construction Contracts and Claims (2007-2023 Supplements, Aspen Publishers).

**Citizenship  
Languages**

United States of America  
English

**Compensation**

Hearing:	\$19000.00/Day
Study:	\$700.00/Hr
Travel:	\$700.00/Hr
Cancellation Period:	30 Days
Comment:	Mutual agreement for a reduced rate on a case by case basis.

Study Rate for all activities in preparation for mediation sessions, including but not limited to study, research, preparation for hearings and/or mediations, related teleconferences, written decisions, orders, communication, law and motion, and discovery related issues.

Cancellation: All fees deposited, specifically for mediation sessions that are cancelled in writing and received no later than 30 days before the hearing or session, shall be fully refunded.

All fees paid for services provided, including but not limited to all activities in preparation for mediation sessions, study, research, teleconferences, written communication, decisions, orders, law and motion, discovery related issues, and travel, shall be paid in full regardless of timing of cancellation of actual mediation sessions.

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