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Areas of Practice

Dennis Strasser is Counsel to the Firm and a member of the Construction Services Practice Group. He received his engineering degree at the State University of New York at Buffalo and his law degree from Seattle University, where he graduated *cum laude*. Dennis has also attended numerous dispute resolution training courses including the Professional Mediation Skills Certificate Training Program at the University of Washington, the Professional Arbitration Skills Training Program of the Institute of Conflict Management in Los Angeles, CA, and the American Bar Association's Advanced Mediation and Advocacy Skills Training Program.

Dennis serves as counsel for owners, design firms, insurers and product manufacturers, and as a dispute resolution provider. He has made numerous presentations for professional organizations regarding contracts, risk management and project implementation. He is the author of numerous technical articles and a contributing author to the work entitled, "State-by-State Analysis of Current Legal Issues Affecting Architects, Engineers, Contractors, and Owners (From a Contracting and Claims Perspective)," *Aspen* (October 2005).

Construction Services

Tort and Insurance Defense Litigation

Construction, Technical and Engineering Dispute Resolution and Litigation
Construction and Professional Services Contract Drafting and Negotiating
Dispute Resolution Services (Arbitration/Mediation)
Professional Liability Defense
Construction Services Tort and Insurance Defense Litigation

Professional Experience

Law Clerk, The Honorable Caroline R. Dimmick, U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington (1995-1996)
Project Manager / Project Engineer, Harris Group (1981 - 1993)
Led engineering teams in the execution of industrial projects ranging in capital cost from \$3,000 to \$24,000,000; conducted numerous research studies with implementation of study recommendations. Assimilated client needs regarding performance, budget, schedule, and operability; conveyed those ideas to our design group; guided the design process that transformed those ideas into working industrial facilities. Interfaced with all levels of client organizations.
Field Engineer, Ebasco Services, Inc. (1979 - 1981)
Mechanical Engineer, Sargent & Lundy (1978 - 1979)

Admitted to Practice

Washington
United States District Courts, Eastern and Western Districts of Washington

Academics

Seattle University School of Law, (J.D., *cum laude*, 1995)

State University of New York at Buffalo, (B.S., Mechanical Engineering, 1978)

Practice Group and Specialty Team Memberships

Construction and Environmental

Litigation

Real Estate

Publications

"Contractor Registration Acts Apply to Subcontractors as Well as General Contractors,"

BUILDERnews Magazine, June 2007

"A Contracting Checklist - Here's What You Should Be Thinking About," *BUILDERnews Magazine*,

October 2006

Speaking Engagements

"New Changes to Construction and Environmental Law that Will Affect Your Business," Lane

Powell seminar, January 20, 2011

Professional and Community Activities

Registered Professional Engineer, State of Washington (1983 - Present)

Washington State Bar Association

American Bar Association

Former Planning Commissioner, City of Bothell

National Society of Professional Engineers

Dispute Resolution Board Foundation