



GRAY REED®



# CONSTRUCTION

As a firm, we are deeply entrenched in every facet of the construction industry, including seemingly stand-alone industries that fuel the progress of construction in the United States and throughout the world. This is possible because of the high level representation our attorneys have provided to countless businesses and the innovative thought leadership they regularly share with clients and numerous industry groups.

From small, family-owned businesses to ENR Top 400 contractors, state and local government agencies and Fortune 500 corporations in industry segments including civil, industrial, manufacturing and supply, multi-family, and commercial and residential development, our construction law attorneys represent:

- Owners
- Developers
- General Contractors
- Subcontractors
- Suppliers
- Manufacturers
- Design Professionals

## DEPTH OF EXPERIENCE

- Our Construction Practice Group was recognized in *Best Lawyers' 2024 "Best Law Firms"* ranking.
- Four attorneys were listed as a 2024 Best Lawyer in America (a Woodward/White company) in the fields of construction law and/or construction litigation.
- One attorney is recognized by *Texas Super Lawyers* (a Thomson Reuters publication) in 2022 in the field of construction litigation.
- One attorney is currently serving his sixth term in the Texas House of Representatives and is an advocate for the construction industry.
- One attorney was a civil engineer before attending law school.
- Our lawyers are frequent authors and lecturers on construction law topics and contribute to the firm's Texas Construction Law Blog.

## CIVIL - INFRASTRUCTURE - PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION

Our attorneys have provided legal services to contractors involved in civil – infrastructure – public construction including construction of highways, roads, bridges, tunnels, airport facilities, schools, public hospital districts, military base projects, mass transit lines and underground utility stations located around the nation. They have earned their experience in and from both the representation of contractors and public agencies on a wide variety of matters involving: three-way construction/retrofit following earthquake induced collapse of a major highway; hundreds of miles of heavy highway grading and reconstruction projects, involving numerous steel and concrete bridge structures; precast segmental bridge construction problems; tunnel crossings and outfalls; airport runway/taxiway grading, construction and concrete strength related disputes; various mass transit facilities; and a variety of complex underwater and underground tunnels.

## COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION

Whether it be high-rise office towers, retail shopping centers, warehouses, hotel or corporate headquarters facilities, our attorneys have assisted from beginning to end. Our construction industry attorneys have the experience and expertise to handle the unique contracting aspects of this type of work and assist clients across the spectrum to navigate the pressures of timely delivery of successfully completed projects.

## INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION

Our construction law attorneys have a broad base of experience in representing owners, construction managers, general contractors, subcontractors, and specialty suppliers in the construction of large scale, complex industrial facilities including chemical facilities, storage and transport centers.



## RESIDENTIAL/MULTI-FAMILY CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT

From single family homes, custom and track builders, apartments, new loft construction, condominiums, warehouse conversions and rehabilitation of existing units with HUD backed financing, our construction law attorneys, along with attorneys from our real estate and banking/finance practice groups, have taken residential and multi-family projects from their inception through to completed construction. City codes and special environmental requirements all impact the construction of residential projects. By integrating these issues and concerns into the early acquisition and development phases of the project, construction problems and delays can be greatly minimized.

## MANUFACTURING – SUPPLY - STEEL

With an uptick in international trade cases, the uncertainty of Section 232 and the unreliability of the mechanics of the Uniform Commercial Code, the pitfalls facing the steel industry are enormous. Our construction industry team's specialized knowledge of these issues, including pre-litigation matters such as lien perfection, contractual debts and other matters related to the sale of steel goods from a mill down the supply chain to an end-user, and our steel industry knowledge benefit our clients with solutions that are both practical and creative. Our attorneys know that our steel industry clients need counsel that understand the effects of litigation from both a legal and business perspective. Whether it be defending an ITC subpoena, advising standard and line pipe industries regarding asset protection or debt collection, representing foreign and domestic mills against wrongful rejection or failures, drafting terms and conditions, or defending OCTG distributors against non-paying customers or well failures, our attorneys have the wealth of knowledge needed to guide our clients through the minefield of the steel industry.

## DISASTER RECOVERY

There are everyday disasters and then there are large scale devastating events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, fire and flood. In the aftermath of such destruction, countless construction firms and restoration professionals endeavor upon an arduous journey to rehabilitate and reconstruct all that was damaged or destroyed. As part of this process, construction firms and restoration professionals encounter difficulties in working with owners, insurance companies, mortgage companies, public adjusters, as well as, local, state and federal governmental entities. Most commonly, significant legal issues arise related to payment, preparation and negotiation of highly specific emergency services, mitigation and reconstruction contracts, subcontractor and supplier performance and various insurance issues. Our attorneys have the experience of advising clients through these often contentious and complex issues to ensure their clients are placed in an advantageous position come final payment or litigation.

## MINORITY, WOMEN'S & DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE/WBE/DBE)

Our attorneys have helped businesses obtain DBE certification before various agencies across the country, and have assisted various prime contractors in obtaining disputed credit for DBE participation. We have provided advice to DOTs, trade associations and other organizations interested in business development, mentor protégé programs and related issues.

## OUR PURPOSE IS YOU.

As trusted advisors, we develop a deep understanding of your goals and objectives, so we can anticipate future issues and opportunities, and deliver highly personalized service. Our vast construction industry knowledge combined with a creative, pragmatic approach arms us to relentlessly protect you and your interests.