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PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation
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OVERVIEW

Robert Sturgeon is a senior attorney in the Construction, Environmental, Real Estate and Land Use Litigation practice group in the firm's Los Angeles office.

Areas of Practice

Mr. Sturgeon specializes in construction law and business litigation. His practice encompasses a wide variety of construction and litigation matters, including contract disputes, construction lending disputes, construction defect claims, surety bond claims, mechanics' liens and stop notices, public works issues, bid protests, false claims litigation, claims for design professional negligence, products liability claims, international arbitrations, and drafting of construction contracts. Mr. Sturgeon handles all facets of the litigation process in construction disputes.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Southern California, 1995, Order of the Coif
- B.A., University of Southern California, 1986

ADMISSIONS

- California
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- Ninth Circuit

EXPERIENCE

Representative Construction Matters

County of Orange — represented owner in action against surety for recovery under contractor's performance bond and labor and materials payment bond.

Fluor Corporation — represented design-builder in arbitration with owner concerning a nitrogen production facility in the Gulf of Mexico.

Exxon/Mobil Corporation — assisted in litigation of claims by various entities in multi-district MTBE litigation.

City of American Canyon — represented owner in action defending against contractor's claims for additional compensation and prosecuting cross-complaint against contractor for breach of contract.

URS Corporation — represented contractor in connection with claims for personal injury arising from clean-up of numerous military bases and disposal of military ordnance.

University of Southern California — represented owner and general contractor against claims by subcontractors for additional compensation arising out of construction of a tower addition to the University's cancer institute; and representing the owner on its counterclaims against subcontractors and designers for damages arising from defects in the project.

County of Orange — represented owner through successful trial in connection with claims against contractor and performance bond surety for breach of contract and failure of the surety to perform its bond obligations.

Palos Verdes Library District — represented owner in the prosecution of indemnity action following on a prior defect claim by the owner against the contractor, architect and construction manager, and in the defense of the subcontractor's claims for additional compensation.

Parsons Engineering Science, Inc. — represented contractor in prosecution of claims against laboratory subconsultant for breach of contract, negligence and fraud in connection with testing of environmental samples.

ARB, Inc. — represented contractor in litigation involving a landfill gas recovery project, including breach of contract, delay and defect claims.

M.A. Mortenson Company — represented contractor in claims brought by various tenants of the Northridge Fashion Center for property damages allegedly suffered during earthquake-related reconstruction.

M.A. Mortenson Company — assisted in defending arbitration claim brought by steel erection subcontractor for Southern California water filtration plant and prosecuted counterclaim; arbitrator's award was to contractor only for all damages sought in counterclaim.

Orangeburg Plastics Company — represented manufacturer in multiple litigations brought by various entities regarding polybutylene pipe in water systems.

Parsons Engineering Science, Inc. — represented contractor in successful defense of bid protest on public contract for design and operation of statewide network of automobile smog testing stations.

Parsons-Dillingham, A Joint Venture — assisted in the defense of the construction manager in numerous actions by property owners and tenants in connection with the construction of the Metro Rail.

Parsons-Dillingham, A Joint Venture — advised construction manager regarding its claims against the owner for failure to make payment for services performed on the Metro Rail project.

Fuji Bank — represented construction lender in defending action by prime contractor arising out of high-rise development in Honolulu.

Greenville Dallas Delaware Inc. — representing owner in connection with defect and delay

claims arising out of construction of office project.

Hoffman Video Systems — defended against and successfully settled contractor's claims arising out of construction of a broadcast studio in Korea.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Real Estate Section, Construction Law Subsection, Antitrust Section, Los Angeles County Bar Association

ARTICLES

- Parsing Arbitration Provisions In Construction Contracts, *Law360*, January 20, 2012
- "What's Happening in the Arena of Architect/Engineer Liability?" Construction Law Subsection of the Real Property Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, seminar materials
- "The Death of 'Pay-if-Paid'? – William R. Clarke v. Safeco Insurance Co." Construction Law Subsection of the Real Property Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, seminar materials