



Murray M. Helm, Jr.

Description

Biography

Murray is Of Counsel at Dunn DeSantis Walt & Kendrick, where he brings over 40 years of extensive experience in construction law and dispute resolution. He represents owners, contractors, subcontractors, design professionals, sureties, insurers, suppliers, and manufacturers in litigation, arbitration, mediation, and administrative proceedings across a wide array of public and private construction projects. His experience spans hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, high-rise offices, condominiums, hotels, biotech facilities, military installations, highways, industrial and co-generation plants, prisons, convention centers, airports, sports arenas, schools, universities, police facilities, and transit systems.

Prior to joining the firm, Murray owned and managed his own boutique construction law firm for 25 years, following his six-year tenure as a partner at a construction dispute boutique law firm, and, before that, 13 years as General Counsel to The Brady Companies, a large commercial specialty contractor. His decades of practice include handling complex disputes involving mechanics' liens, stop payment notices, surety bonds, breach of contract, delays, labor disruptions, acceleration claims, extended overhead, change orders, project closeout, backcharges, terminations, construction defects, indemnity, and insurance coverage.

In addition to his legal practice, Murray is an experienced arbitrator and mediator. He serves on the American Arbitration Association's complex construction dispute panels, having first joined AAA's roster in 1990. He has presided over numerous arbitration and mediation matters, and has undergone extensive training in arbitration procedures, award writing, arbitration finance, and cyber security.

Murray holds a California general contractor license, multiple specialty contractor licenses, and an FAA private pilot license, and he previously held a California real estate broker license. He is a frequent speaker for construction industry associations and continuing legal education programs.

Admissions

- U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Central, Northern and Eastern Districts of California
- U.S. District Courts for the District of Nevada and District of Arizona

Memberships and Activities

- State Bar of California
- San Diego County Bar Association, Construction Section
- California Lawyers Association, Real Property Law Section

Education

- University of San Diego School of Law, J.D., 1979
- University of Southern California, B.S., Accounting, 1976