

## Anthony D. Lehman – Partner

Mr. Lehman has been a construction lawyer and business litigator for nearly 20 years. His abilities and knowledge in construction law were recognized in 2017 when he became a Florida Bar Association Board Certified Specialist in Construction Law. Certification requires having practiced law in Florida for at least 5 years, spending over 40% of one's practice as a construction lawyer, at least 45 hours of approved construction law continuing legal education in the three years immediately preceding application, peer review (including both ethical and professional ability reviews), and a written examination.



He has extensive experience in trying cases in arbitration, at bench trials, and to juries. In recognition of his expertise, he received the AV Preeminent rating from his peers through the Martindale-Hubbell rating system for both his ethical standards and his legal ability, and he was named as a Super Lawyer Rising Star in Construction Litigation in 2011.

In the courtroom and in litigation, Mr. Lehman's experience includes cases representing owners, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and program managers in federal and state courts in Georgia, Florida, and Alabama. Mr. Lehman has handled construction disputes including matters involving the Diplomat Hotel, the DeKalb County School Program, the design and construction of the City of Hartwell's wastewater treatment plant, KSU Place at Kennesaw State University, the Federal Prison in Miami (Florida), road construction projects in Georgia, Alabama, and Texas, and retail parcel and outparcel developments across the Southeast.

In addition to construction litigation, Mr. Lehman also has provided advice to contractors and developers at the beginning of projects to help them avoid disputes later in the project. Mr. Lehman has drafted, reviewed, and negotiated contracts for projects including Plaza Midtown (Atlanta), numerous multi-family residential projects, several assisted living projects, and multiple office building developments in Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina.

Mr. Lehman has lectured and written extensively in the area of construction law and construction contracting. His engagements have included speaking to the Georgia chapter of the American Institute of Architects regarding green construction, electronic documentation protocols, and the A201 terms and conditions of the construction contract. In addition, he spoke at the Fall 2014 Meeting of the American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law regarding Guided Choice Dispute Resolution and at the Fall 2013 meeting of the Forum as part of a panel discussing third-party discovery issues in arbitrations.

Mr. Lehman takes an active part in several national and local bar associations. He is the Chair for Division 1 (Litigation and Dispute Resolution) of the American Bar Association's Forum on Construction Law. More locally, Lehman is a Past Chair of the Atlanta Bar Association Construction Section.

## Case History

- Represented the owner of a large beach hotel in Hollywood, Florida, in multiple construction design, delay, and defect cases involving violations of the Americans With Disabilities Act, concrete slab design, defective tempered glass, defective window and curtain wall systems, defective underground water piping, and excessive subsurface settlement.
- Represented the City of Hartwell, Georgia in an affirmative claim against the designer and building of its wastewater treatment plant. Successfully negotiated a favorable settlement through mediation.
- Represented a large construction/program manager with respect to claims for increased costs on a multi-year school construction program including allegations of delays, failures to use standardized and bulk purchasing, failures to control change orders and increased construction costs, and failures to document all matters on the nearly three hundred projects properly.
- Represented the Kennesaw State University Foundation related to the architect's and contractor's failure to design and construct on-campus freshman housing in a way to prevent water intrusion into the buildings. Obtained a successful settlement through negotiations.
- Successfully obtained summary judgment on promissory notes on behalf of a multi-state real estate franchisor against a defaulting franchisee.
- Defended a window manufacturer against claims that its windows were defective and failed to prevent water intrusion on a project in Augusta, Georgia. The case settled for nuisance value shortly after a summary judgment hearing.
- Defended a sitework contractor and its surety company in claims of termination for default on multiple projects located in Mobile, Alabama.

## Education

- Vanderbilt University, B.A. *cum laude*
- Phi Sigma Alpha Political Science honorary society
- Intercollegiate debater
- University of Georgia School of Law, J.D. *cum laude*
- Editorial Board, *Georgia Law Review*

## Bar and Court

- Georgia State Bar
- Georgia Supreme Court
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- United States District Court Northern District of Georgia
- United States District Court Middle District of Georgia
- United States District Court Southern District of Georgia
- Florida State Bar
- Florida Supreme Court
- United States District Court Northern Division of Florida
- United States District Court Middle Division of Florida
- United States District Court Southern Division of Florida
- Alabama State Bar
- Alabama Supreme Court
- United States District Court Northern District of Alabama
- United States District Court Middle District of Alabama
- United States District Court Southern District of Alabama
- United States Court of Federal Claims

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