

Michael P. Grace

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Michael Grace represents contractors, developers, and design professionals through every phase of construction — from bid protests and change order disputes to complex delay and defect claims on major public infrastructure and private development projects.

Mike brings decades of focused construction law experience to clients navigating the full lifecycle of a project, whether that means resolving a dispute before it escalates or litigating a high-stakes claim to resolution. His clients include general contractors, design-builders, developers, and design professionals working on some of the most demanding projects in the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

Mike's practice centers on construction claims and disputes of all kinds: bid protests, change order and extra work disputes, defective design and construction claims, and claims for delay, acceleration, impact, and lost productivity. He has deep experience with design-build and other alternative project delivery methods. Over the past 30 plus years he has worked on a wide range of public infrastructure and private development projects — including highways, bridges, tunnels, airports, light rail systems, sports stadiums, schools, civic facilities, high-rise and vertical construction, data centers, and various industrial, commercial and mixed-use developments.

Mike is recognized by Chambers USA in Construction for Washington, a distinction reflecting consistent peer and client recognition of his work in this field. He is an active participant in construction industry organizations and a frequent speaker on construction law topics.

Mike serves on the Legal Affairs Committee of the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Washington, where he previously served as Chairman, and previously served on the AGC of Washington Board of Trustees. He is a Charter Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America and a member of the Design Build Institute of America and the American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law.

Education

- Seattle University School of Law (J.D., 1996)
- Michigan State University (B.A., 1990)

Bar Admissions

- Washington
- Oregon

Select Experience

Representative Work

- Representation of design builder on major airport expansion project
- Representation of design builder on major highway expansion and tolling project
- Representation of general contractor on tunnel project
- Representation of general contractor on ferry terminal project

Court Admissions

- United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
- United States District Court for the District of Oregon
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- AGC of Washington
 - Board of Trustees (2015-2018)
 - Legal Affairs Committee (Chairman, 2011-2017)
 - Associate Member of the Year (2012)
- Design Build Institute of America
- Construction Lawyers Society of America – Charter Fellow
- American Bar Association, Forum on Construction Law

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Construction, Washington, 2019-2026
- *Washington Super Lawyers®*, Construction Litigation, 2025-2026
- *Best Lawyers in America®*, Construction Law, Seattle, 2016-2026
- *Best Lawyers in America®*, Construction Litigation, Insurance Litigation, Seattle, 2024-2026

Insights

May 18, 2023

Legislature passes bill to limit retainage on private projects to 5%, matching existing retention limits for public projects