



Ramsey Kazem

Associate

RAMSEY KAZEM is an associate in the Atlanta office of Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP. Since joining the firm in 2004, Ramsey has been active in the firm's construction, government contracts and commercial litigation practice groups. He represents owners, general contractors, and subcontractors in various contract disputes involving both public and private construction projects. These disputes address many issues including contract interpretation, delays, contract changes, differing site conditions, wrongful termination, defective work and

payment. Additionally, Ramsey has experience handling matters involving the Federal Acquisition Regulations, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the Contract Disputes Act.

In addition to dispute resolution, Ramsey assists clients in negotiating and drafting construction contracts and partnering agreements (including teaming, joint venture, and consulting agreements). He also counsels clients on risk management, project administration, claim preparation, and project documentation, and resolves claims through negotiation and mediation.

Ramsey has served as lead and co-counsel in arbitration, trial court proceedings, and before the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals. For example:

- Represented a contractor in arbitration for claims arising out of a high-rise condominium project in Florida. Contractor recovered on its claims for wrongful termination, scope changes, delay, and attorneys' fees. Contractor also defeated owner's \$100MM claim for delay damages and cost to complete.
- Represented owner of a Continuing Care Retirement Community seeking recovery for contractor's incomplete and defective work and defending against contractor's claims for interference with work, delay, and payment. Arbitration panel found in favor of owner.
- Represented contractor before the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals successfully overturning the Army Corps of Engineers' default termination of contractor's contract.

Ramsey is originally from Nijmegen, the Netherlands. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance – with a concentration in International Business – from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1996. After college, Ramsey attended law school and business school at Emory University and received his Juris Doctorate and Master of Business Administration in 2000. While in law school, Ramsey served as a Managing Editor of the Bankruptcy Developments Journal and was a member of the Emory Moot Court Special Teams (securities team). Prior to joining Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP,

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Areas of Practice

- Construction Law
- Government Contracts
- Litigation

Education

- Fairleigh Dickinson University (B.S., Finance, concentration in International Business, magna cum laude, Presidential Scholarship, Honors List, Dean's List, 1996)
- Roberto C. Goizueta Business School (M.B.A., Partial Scholarship, 2000)
- Emory University School of Law (J.D., Law Review, 2000)
- Emory Law Review, Bankruptcy Developments Journal (1998 - 2000)

Bar and Court Admissions

- Georgia, 2000
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Georgia, 2001
- Georgia Supreme Court, 2001
- Georgia U.S. Court of Appeals, 2001
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims, 2010

Noteworthy

- Recognized as a Georgia Rising Star by Atlanta Magazine (2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010)
- James C. Pratt Best Brief Award, 1998
- Moot Court Special Teams, Securities Team, 1998 - 2000



Ramsey was with the firm Goldner, Sommers, Scudder & Bass in Atlanta, Georgia, where he gained litigation experience in the areas of premises liability, products liability and medical malpractice.

Classes & Seminars Taught

- What to Do When Construction Projects Go Bad, Lorman Education Services
- The Fundamentals of Construction Contracts: Understanding the Issues in Georgia, Lorman Educational Seminars
- Construction Dispute and Claim Avoidance, Georgia Branch, Associated General Contractors of America

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- Quarter Finalist Irving R. Kaufman Securities Law Competition, 1999

Other Experience

- Goldner, Sommers, Scudder & Bass LLP, Associate, 2000 - 2004