



## Goran Musinovic

Associate

**GORAN MUSINOVIC** is an associate in the Atlanta office of Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP. He has worked on multi-million dollar cases representing owners, developers, general contractors, subcontractors, sureties, and suppliers on various private and public projects, including mixed use sky-scrapers, schools, power plants, commercial buildings, and dynamic message signs on interstate highways. Goran has experience with disputes involving breach of contract claims, delays, constructive changes, CGL insurance policies,

negligence claims, bid protests, limitation of liability provisions, defective design claims, differing site conditions, defective workmanship claims, environmental spills, and wrongful death claims. Recognizing that most construction disputes arise because of money, Goran uses his Accounting background to specialize in all financial aspects of construction disputes, including damages, limitations of liability provisions, and recognition of legal claims on companies' financial statements. Goran is also actively involved in the Construction Financial Management Association.

Goran attended law school at The University of Tennessee College of Law and received his Juris Doctorate in 2009. While in law school, Goran served as the Treasurer of the Moot Court Board and was a member of The University of Tennessee College of Law National Moot Court Trial Team. While in law school, Goran excelled in trial advocacy and won the prestigious Ray H. Jenkins Trial Competition in 2008. In addition, Goran participated in The University of Tennessee College of Law Advocacy Clinic, where he represented indigent clients. Goran also clerked for the Honorable Mary B. Leibowitz in Tennessee Criminal Court. Goran received the Constangy, Brooks & Smith Diversity Award for the State of Tennessee, earned certificates of excellence in Trial Practice, Pretrial Litigation, and Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, and was inducted into The Order of Barristers.

Prior to law school, Goran attended The University of Tennessee, where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration *summa cum laude*, majoring in Accounting, with collateral in International Business, and minor in German. While at the University of Tennessee, Goran studied abroad in Germany and China. In addition, Goran participated in the University of Tennessee Study Abroad Buddy Program, Executive Undergraduate Program, Golden Key Honor Society, and intramural soccer.

Goran is happily married and enjoys spending time with his wife, family, and friends.

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## Areas of Practice

- Construction Law
- Government Contracts
- Environmental Law

## Education

- University of Tennessee (B.S., Business Administration, concentration in Accounting, collateral in International Business, minor in German, *summa cum laude*, 2006)
- University of Tennessee College of Law (J.D., Order of Barristers, Moot Court Board, 2009)
- Treasurer, '09 Advocates' Prize Co-Coordinator, University of Tennessee College of Law Moot Court Board, 2008-09
- Member, University of Tennessee College of Law National Moot Court Trial Team, 2007-08, 2008-09

## Bar and Court Admissions

- Georgia – All State Courts and the United States District Court for Northern District of Georgia
- Tennessee -- All State Courts and the United States District Court for Eastern District of Tennessee (admission pending)
- District of Columbia (admission pending)

## Memberships

- State Bar of Georgia, Member

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## Articles & Publications

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- “Overcoming a No Damages for Delay Clause,” *Common Sense Contracting*, Volume 24, Number 4, Fall 2011.
- “Recovery of Overhead in Unit Price Contracts,” *Common Sense Contracting*, Volume 24, Number 3, Fall 2010.
- “Challenging a Liquidated Damages Provision,” *Common Sense Contracting*, Volume 23, Number 4, Winter 2010.

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- Atlanta Bar Association, Construction Law Section, Member
- American Bar Association, Litigation Section, Member
- American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry Section, Member
- Construction Financial Management Association, Member

## Noteworthy

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- National Moot Court Trial Competition regional semi-finalist, 2009
- University of Tennessee College of Law Certificates of Academic Achievement: Trial Practice, 2009; Pretrial Litigation, 2009; Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, 2009
- CALI Awards for Academic Achievement: Pretrial Litigation, 2009
- Ray H. Jenkins Trial Competition 1st place winner, 2008
- Constangy Brooks & Smith Diversity Award for Tennessee, 2008
- Knjezevic Trust Scholarship, 2008
- Manier & Herod Scholarship, 2006
- University of Tennessee Bicentennial Scholarship
- Home Federal Bank of Tennessee Scholarship
- Alma & Hal Reagan Scholarship
- Clarice & Orville Smith Scholarship
- Jack E. Kiger Accounting Scholarship
- Tennessee Institute of Certified Public Accountants Scholarship
- Global Excellence in International Business Scholarship
- Phi Kappa Phi
- National Dean’s List, undergrad



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- Dean's List, undergrad and law school
- Languages: Serbian, Croatian, German

## Other Experience

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- University of Tennessee Judicial Externship, Extern (January -May 2009), Clerked for Honorable Mary Beth Leibowitz in Criminal Court for Knox County, Tennessee
- University of Tennessee Legal Clinic, Student Attorney (August -December 2008)
- Smith Currie & Hancock, LLP – Atlanta, Georgia, Summer Associate (May – August 2008)
- Egerton McAfee Armistead & Davis, PC – Knoxville, Tennessee, Summer Associate (July – August 2007)
- Leitner Williams Dooley & Napolitan, PLLC - Knoxville, Tennessee, Runner (January 2002 – June 2006)