



Contract Performance

From the owner's perspective, the primary objectives of any construction project generally fall into three categories: cost, schedule and quality. The owner naturally desires high quality construction, on schedule and at a low cost. Unfortunately, these three objectives sometimes conflict with one another and certain trade-offs are required. The natural give-and-take that occurs between these three project objectives is perhaps best illustrated by the remark often made by contractors in jest: "Cost, schedule and quality – pick any two; but you can't have all three." But it does not have to be so. The lawyers at Smith Currie have specialized for over three decades in helping clients to prepare for, draft and execute contracts and obligations in the ever developing and changing construction industry. The common sense and wisdom of this experience is the exclusive focus of the national practice of Smith Currie. The firm wrote the book on survival in the construction industry – *Common Sense Construction Law*.