



A Focused Practice

For more than forty five years Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP, with offices in Atlanta, Georgia; Charlotte, North Carolina; Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Tallahassee, Florida; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Washington, DC, has developed a nationally recognized practice focused on the construction industry and the variety of legal issues facing those in that industry. The firm represents private and public clients working or located in all fifty states, as well as Mexico, Canada, Central and South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

After developing construction and employment law practices in the context of a general service firm, G. Maynard Smith, Overton A. Currie, and E. Reginald Hancock formed this firm in 1965 to concentrate their practices in those areas in order to provide more effective service to the firm's clients. Having trained and practiced law in the culture created by those three outstanding professionals, the current members of the firm remain committed to a tradition of providing quality, cost-effective legal services to clients ranging from small, family owned concerns to multibillion-dollar corporations.

In representing the many participants in the construction industry and government contracting, we are necessarily involved in a wide variety of legal and business related issues. The breadth of these issues is reflected by the topics addressed in the fourth edition of *Common Sense Construction Law*. From bidding questions to environmental risk evaluation to employment law questions, the spectrum of the potential legal issues and risks affecting those working in the construction industry is varied and complex.

Many of the firm's attorneys have engineering degrees in addition to their legal education, and several worked in the construction industry prior to pursuing their law degrees. Others joined this firm after military service as government contracts legal counsel or have extensive training in public procurement. Three members of Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP have served as Chair of the Public Contract Law Section of the American Bar Association, and another partner has served as the Chair of the American Bar Association Forum Committee on the Construction Industry. Many members of the firm are arbitrators and mediators for the American Arbitration Association.

Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP has represented clients from the entire spectrum of the construction industry: contractors, subcontractors, construction managers, owners (public and private), architects, engineers, sureties, insurance companies, suppliers, lenders, real estate developers, and others. They include multinational and Fortune 500 companies and trade associations representing billion-dollar industries, as well as local and regional clients doing business on a smaller scale. While our attorneys have appeared in numerous reported court decisions and even more arbitrations, our traditional goal has been to achieve resolution of differences by communication and agreement rather than formal litigation. Consequently, we have assisted in the amicable resolution of many more matters than these reported decisions over the last four decades.

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