



Laurence P. Lubka

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Overview

Laurence “Larry” Lubka’s practice focuses on commercial and public contracts, contract drafting and contract disputes.

Mr. Lubka represents California clients throughout the world, ranging from local payment disputes to drafting contracts for projects overseas. He represents public entities, general contractors, engineering firms, major subcontractors and suppliers.

Mr. Lubka’s forty years of representing clients on projects ranging from nuclear power plants, to residential defect disputes, to reservoirs and to major large-scale art works allow him to provide a complete range of support to his clients. Recently, he has worked on hospital projects, condominium projects, entertainment centers and school projects. He has represented his clients in pre-construction planning, preparing bid packages, drafting contracts, representing parties on bid protests, consulting on disputes during the course of

performance, contract audits and representing disputes. He understands both the legal and business concerns of his clients in all of these activities.

Mr. Lubka has experience in a wide variety of contract types, such as firm fixed price contracts, lump sum contracts, GMP contracts, Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR), design build, cost type contracts (including Federal [FAR] contracts), incentive contracts, time and material contracts and contracts prepared to address special risk situations.

He has been working with the California Contractors State License Board to amend existing statutory language and prepare new statutes.

With regard to disputes, Mr. Lubka has both litigated and tried many cases. Mr. Lubka has acted as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and as a private mediator on construction disputes. He has represented his clients in California state courts, Federal courts including the United States Court of Federal Claims, the GAO on Federal bid protests, the American Arbitration Association (AAA) throughout the country, JAMS and other court and ADR venues. In addition, Mr. Lubka has also acted as an expert witness on construction related issues, such as prevailing wage law.

HONORS

- Selected as Best Lawyer® 2012 – 2023
- Selected as Super Lawyer® 2008 – 2025
- Pasadena Top Attorney Sponsored by Pasadena Magazine 2011 - 2025

MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of General Contractors of California, Legal Advisory Committee, Chair (2010 – 2011)
- Association of General Contractors of California, Executive Committee Member (2010 – 2011)
- Association of General Contractors of California, Legal Advisory Committee, Vice Chair (2009 – 2022)
- CMAA Legal Committee
- Los Angeles County Bar, Real Estate Subsection, Construction Division American Public Works Association

NEWS & PUBLICATIONS

News

- [Your Contracts Need To Address Issues Like Tariffs, Escalation, Supply Chain and More](#)
- [Tariffs & The Construction Industry](#)
- [Hunt Ortmann Client Prevails With Major Victory In Construction Case](#)
- [Seven Hunt Ortmann Attorneys Selected As 2024 Southern California Super Lawyers](#)
- [Seven Hunt Ortmann Attorneys Selected As 2023 Southern California Super Lawyers®](#)
- [Seven Hunt Ortmann Attorneys Selected As Pasadena Top Attorneys For 2023 By Pasadena Magazine](#)
- [Three Hunt Ortmann Attorneys Recognized In The 2023 Edition of The Best Lawyers In America®](#)
- [Lubka Prevails for Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business](#)
- [Lubka Quoted in Marin Independent Journal](#)
- [Lubka Appointed Chair of AGC Legal Committee](#)
- [Lubka – Vice-Chair of AGC CA Legal Action Committee](#)
- [Hunt Ortmann assists LAX in \\$1 Billion in Upgrades](#)
- [Lubka article on AIA contracts reprinted by the Orange County Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute](#)
- [Collar & Bow – Disney Concert Hall](#)

Publications

- [Tariffs & The Construction Industry](#)
- Public Entities: No Guarantee of Full Payment
- Give Proper Notice!
- In Default- But Not Dead
- SCCA Magazine- What to do About Cost Escalation?
- 2011- A Time for Action
- HuntLaw – Multiple articles

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

- San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (formerly Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority)
- Brasada Homes Land, LLC
- Church & Larsen, Inc.
- Con-Am, Inc.
- Danny Ryan Precision Contracting, Inc.
- Dura Art Stone Construction Co., Inc.
- Environmental Contracting Corporation
- FH II Homebuilder, Inc.
- Integrated Demolition and Remediation, Inc.
- KCB Towers, Inc.
- Kyzima Electric, Inc.
- Landwin DMV, LLC
- Martin Brothers/Marcowall, Inc.
- Martin-Nevell, Inc., Inc.
- Pacific Empire Builders
- Paulus Engineering, Inc.
- Pena Construction Services, Inc.
- Plaza Construction
- R. J. Daum Construction Company
- RJ&J Construction, Inc.
- SBS Corporation
- Serrano Development Group, Inc.
- Silver Star Construction Engineering, Inc.
- Sunrun, Inc.
- VCI Utility Services, Inc.

- Verco Decking, Inc.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- Represented and brought to a successful settlement the claims by a joint venture of major drywall subcontractors with regard to the UCLA Medical Center Project. The combined disputes on that project approached \$1 Billion dollars and involved complex schedule / delay claims.
- Before the United States Court of Federal Claims, defended client against Department of Justice cause of action for False Claims and recovered damages for a small business client doing business with the Corps of Engineers.
- Represented a contractor / design studio with regard to a planned 60-foot sculpture by Claes Oldenberg which was to have been installed at Disney Hall in Los Angeles. Successfully obtained a settlement without trial.
- Drafted and negotiated contract to provide construction materials to a Qatar subcontractor for use on the Doha Airport.
- Represented a water district in a dispute regarding a cast-in-place reservoir and brought the dispute to a successful settlement.
- Represented a major Los Angeles hospital in the resolution of a significant general contractor claim, without a trial.
- Represented homeowners in a jury trial against a general contractor, obtaining a substantial recovery for the homeowners.
- Represented a local hotel owner through the construction of a large hotel facility and resolved numerous claims before legal actions were filed.
- Represented a public entity through all phases of a new city hall project, from pre-construction planning, to drafting the bid package through resolution of disputes.
- Represented a specialty space frame contractor in a Chicago AAA hearing, obtaining a substantial award against a Chicago area contractor.
- Represented a country club in claims against it by the general contractor and architect, obtaining a defense verdict at trial for the country club.
- Successfully represented a client in reversing a Caltrans award to another contractor and obtaining award for my client.

- Drafted a Construction Manager at Risk contract for one of the largest airport contracts in recent years.
- Drafted a contract form and subcontract form for a high end residential general contractor. Obtained a ruling that contractor's claim had priority over the bank on an abandoned project. Cleared title to a property where the owner's signature was used on a fraudulent deed. Defended clients against False Claims Act claims.
- Brought and defended claims involving critical path issues.
- Participated in the audits of contract work performed by contractors and owners on several nuclear power plants.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & SEMINARS:

- Construction Claims on Public Contracts, Lorman Education Services Webinar, July 2015
- California's Approach to State and Local Procurement Claims, ABA State & Local Procurement Division, December 2014
- Construction Contracting, Time and Money, Change Orders & Indemnity, The Seminar Group, September 2014
- State Bar of California, 32nd Real Property Law Section Retreat, "The New Normal in Mechanic's Lien Law"
- So You Got Sued... Mediations, Arbitrations, and Trials- What Are They & What Should You Do?
- Differing Site Conditions – How to Avoid the Pits
- How to Make Sure You Get Paid for Your Construction Work. Liens, Stop Notices and Payment Bonds. *New Laws Effective July 1, 2012
- Public Works Bidding and Subcontractor Listing- Navigating the Rapids
- Terms and Conditions That Can Make the Difference Between Profit & Loss... Know the Ropes!
- Workshop- Public Works Contracting – Pasadena
- Mediation, Arbitration, and Trial
- Bids, Plans, & Specifications and Key Contract Terms
- AGC of California Legal Advisory Committee- Annual Legal Retreat- The Impact of P&D v. Carlsbad Case on Public Works

- Claims: Liens, Stop Notices, Bonds, Delay & Disruption, Termination Mediation, Arbitration, and Trial
- Mechanics Liens, Stop Notices and Bonds – CMAA Long Beach
- Public Works Contracting – CMAA Long Beach
- AGC of California- Legal Advisory Committee, Annual Legal Retreat
- Survive and Thrive in 2010 – Dealing with Low Bid Disasters on Public Projects (March – July 2010, several dates and locations)
- Public Works Contracting – CMAA San Diego
- PESI – California Construction Law (San Diego)
- PESI – California Construction Law (Costa Mesa)
- PESI – California Construction Law (Pasadena)
- Contract Terminations – When to Pull the Trigger
- AGC of California – Legal Advisory Committee, Annual Legal Retreat
- The Nuts and Bolts of Mechanics' Liens
- Public Works Contracting
- California Construction Contracting Program
- Caltrans Training Series- California Construction Law
- False Claims Act
- False Claims Act – San Diego
- Public Contracting In California
- USC Gould School of Law – 2008 Symposium on Real Estate Law and Business
- PESI – California Construction Law
- BICA Construction Credit Conference- "How to Take Control of the Process"
- Associated General Contractors of California Retreat- "Stop Notices: An Often Overlooked Powerful Tool"
- Prevailing Wage and Labor Compliance Laws- Sponsored by CMAA "Forget Eichleay" Sponsored by CMAA
- AIA Contracts- Pasadena

- Associated General Contractors of California Retreat- “Forget Eichleay: Extended Home Office Overhead is Recoverable in CA”
- CELSOC- “False Claims Act”
- PESI- “Construction Law Conference”
- Northern California Glass Management Association- “Public Works Contracting Workshop”
- CMAA Panel- “Estimating for Contractor Costs and Market Fluctuations”
- Construction Network - "How to Read a Construction Contract" - September 2019
- Construction Network - "COVID-19: Charting Our Path Forward" - July 2020
- Construction Network – “Bid Protests: Local, State & Federal – A ‘How-To’ Course” - March 2021
- Construction Network – “California Prevailing Wage Law How to protect yourself against fines, penalties and interest” - May 2021
- Construction Network – “How to Review a Construction Contract” - September 2021
- Construction Network – “How to Review a Construction Contract” - September 2021

Multimedia

- Video Blog Episode 1: The Critical Path of a Construction Project

Practice Areas

- **Construction Disputes & Litigation**
- Mechanic's Liens & Payment Remedies
- Contract Disputes
- Payment & Performance Bond Claims
- Arbitration, Mediation, Trial
- **Construction Agreements**
- Drafting / Negotiation / Review of Contracts
- **Contractor Licensing**

- **Public Works**
- Public Entity Disputes
- Bid Mistakes & Protests
- Change Orders / Extra Work
- Prevailing Wage Issues
- Design Liability
- False Claims
- Debarment Proceedings
- **Real Estate**
- Disputes & Litigation
- **Business & Commercial**
- Business Contract Disputes & Litigation
- **Labor & Employment**
- Prevailing Wage

Bar & Courts

- California (1982)
- Ohio (1980, inactive)
- United States District Court of California, Southern (1983)
- United States District Court of California, Central (1988)
- United States District Court of California, Northern (1994)
- Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (1994)
- United States Federal Court Of Claims

Education

- George Washington University, National Law Center, J.D., 1980, Cum Laude
- Columbia University, Bachelor of Arts, 1976