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Practice Areas

Construction

Litigation

Alternative Dispute Resolution and Mediation

Mining

Natural Resource Development and Oil & Gas

Education

J.D., South Texas College of Law, 1982

B.A., University of South Florida, 1976

Admissions

Wyoming, 2013

Colorado, 1999

Texas, 1982

Professional Associations

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)
- Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators, Co-Chair of Committee on Construction Arbitration
- American Arbitration Association, Construction Advisory Committee
- Member-Dispute Review Board Foundation
- Panelist-CPR International Center for Conflict Prevention and Resolution Panel of Neutrals (Construction, Energy, Oil & Gas Panels);
- Fellow-American College of e-Neutrals
- American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry: Contract Documents, Contract Negotiations, Performance and Administration, Dispute Avoidance and Resolution, Insurance Surety and Lien Committees; Section of Public Contract Law, Construction Division; Section of Tort Trial and Insurance; Fidelity and Surety Practice Section; and Advisory Panel
- Associated General Contractors of Colorado
- American Subcontractors Association of Colorado
- Boulder County Bar Association
- Colorado Bar Association, Construction Law Section
- Houston Construction Law Section, Past Chair and Former Member
- State Bar of Texas, Construction Law Section, Past Council Member; Past Editor of Construction Law Newsletter
- Best Lawyers in America-Construction Law 2013-2019
- Liaison to the American Institute of Architects on Contract Documents

Experience

Mr. Greenleaf was a founding member of BHGR and has recently retired from the Firm to continue with his Alternative Dispute Resolution practice serving the construction industry. He has over 35 years' experience working on construction and energy related matters and now devotes all of his professional time to serving as an arbitrator, mediator, dispute review board member or early neutral evaluator on construction related matters. He has arbitrated over 200 cases through award and has been involved in projects in 43 states and internationally. Mr. Greenleaf's previous legal and current ADR practice focuses largely on scheduling, critical path analysis and evaluation, changes in work scope, defective work and delays and disruptions to the construction process.

Publications

- "Colorado Statute of Limitations Commercial Claims Checklist," Practical Law Company, 2012-2014.
- "Contracting, Drafting, and Understanding the Differences Between Litigation, Arbitration, and Mediation" (January 2010)
- "Claims: Preserving Rights and Minimizing Risk, Parts I, II, III: Project Management and Prudent Lien Waivers," USGLASS Magazine, April, June and July 2006, co-author
- "Preserving Construction Defect Claims," Boulder County Business Report, July 2005
- "Legislative Changes Affecting Construction," Construction Law Newsletter, State Bar of Texas, Fall 1995

Speaking Engagements

- Commercial Arbitrators 2014
- "Maximizing Efficiency & Economy in Arbitration: Challenges at the Preliminary Hearing", American Arbitration Association, May 2012
- "Dealing with Delay Tactics," AAA, Denver, April 2005, August 2006 and February 2010
- "Claims Preservation and Mitigation," Glass Association of North American Annual Conference, February 2006
- "AAA Annual Arbitrator Update," AAA, Denver, December 2002
- "Ethics in ADR," AAA, Denver, September 2002
- "Prehearing Techniques for Expediting Arbitration Hearings," Salzburg, Austria, June 2002
- "Drafting Arbitration Clauses," AAA, Denver, may 2002
- State Bar of Texas Arbitration Law Course, 1998
- "What Do You Do When...?" Texas Construction Law Seminar, Houston, March 1996, and Colorado Construction Law, Denver, January 2001
- "Litigation and Enforcement" and "Defenses to Liens and Bond Claims," Construction Liens and Bonds Claims in Texas Seminar, Houston, February 1996