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Practice Areas

- Construction Contract Law
- Professional Liability for Architects and Engineers

Education

- American Arbitration Association, Arbitrator Training, 2001
- Harvard Law School, Summer Course for Lawyers, Advanced Negotiations 1995
- Harvard Law School, Summer Course for Lawyers, Basic Negotiations, 1991
- Atlanta Law School, Juris Doctor, 1976
- University of Minnesota, Bachelor of Architecture, 1971
- University of Minnesota, Bachelor of Arts, 1970

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Georgia

Professional Credentials

- Architect, registered in Virginia (1980), first registered in Georgia (1975)
- Construction contractor, licensed in Virginia (2004)

Overview

Dale is Of Counsel to McManus & Felsen, where he practices in the areas of construction contracts and design professional agreements. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. He has been a member of the bar since 1976 and obtained his license as a registered architect in 1975.

Experience

Dale has provided legal review, drafting and negotiating of construction contracts and professional design agreements for mixed-use projects in Georgetown and Tivoli Theater neighborhoods of DC. Services included providing advice on multi-phased projects of significant

dollar value; providing advice on complex regulations and laws; reviewing proposals; and negotiating the terms and conditions of contracts.

Prior to his experience with McManus & Felsen, Dale was senior legal counsel to The American Institute of Architects (AIA) responsible for writing and publication of its 180+ standardized contracts and forms. He was instrumental in developing new policies and procedures for dealing with such issues as hazardous materials, alternative dispute resolution, change orders, correction of defective work, indemnification, insurance, and termination. He facilitated over 200 complex, politically sensitive negotiations to develop consensus among groups representing owners, contractors, sureties, insurers, A/Es and their attorneys covering such topics as design/build, bidding/procurement, bonding, general conditions, and construction management. Dale provided legal counsel for AIA's *Masterspec*; liaison to the insurance industry on A/E professional liability and builder's insurance; and voting membership on the Construction Industry Arbitration Committee that develops the rules on arbitration for the AAA.

Dale also practiced as an architect prior to his legal experience and has designed and built buildings ranging from a cancer laboratory for Rockefeller University to a subway station for Atlanta's MARTA system.

Publications

- "Shop Drawings for Construction Who Really Is Responsible" R. 24 Real Prop. Prob. & Tr. J. 611, American Bar Association, Chicago 1989
AIA Legal Citator, senior editor, 1988, 1998 editions, AIA, Washington, DC
- *Architect's Handbook of Professional Practice*, Editor 1980, AIA, Washington, DC
- "The AIA Documents" *Architect's Handbook of Professional Practice*, 12th Edition, AIA, Washington, DC, 1996
- "Intellectual Property and the Architect", *Architect's Handbook of Professional Practice*, 12th Edition, AIA 1996
- "Construction Agreements" Chapter 11.3, *AIA Architect's Handbook of Professional Practice*, 13th Edition, AIA, Washington, DC, 2002
- Chapter on "Construction Contracts (of the AIA)," *Adr: A Practical Guide to Resolve Construction Disputes: Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Construction Field*, American Arbitration Association, 1994

Memberships/Affiliations

Member of the American Institute of Architects