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Practice Areas

- [Construction](#)
- [Government Contracts](#)
- [International Arbitration](#)
- [Commercial Litigation](#)

Education

- The Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America, Juris Doctor, 2011
- Article Editor, CommLaw Conspectus, Journal of Communications Law and Policy 2010-11
- Davidson College, Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, 2003

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland

Overview

Jim is a partner of McManus & Felsen LLP in Washington, D.C., and concentrates his practice in the areas of construction law and government contracts. Jim's experience includes litigating complex construction matters as well as drafting and reviewing construction contracts, analyzing claims, and closing out projects. Jim has represented clients in state and federal court and in domestic and international arbitrations. He has represented suppliers, subcontractors, general contractors, designers, and public and private owners on a wide range of projects, including: commercial, residential, federal, airport, road, hotel and resort, hospital and research facility, and power and utility projects.

Jim has been named by *Super Lawyers* as a "Rising Star" in construction litigation in Washington, D.C.

Experience

Defended a design-build contractor from more than \$50 million in claims by a subcontractor arising out of the construction of a 101-km road in Afghanistan. The 2.5-year international arbitration involved many aspects of horizontal design and construction, issues related to construction management and claims processing, as well as delay and modified total-cost claims.

Defended a general contractor against over \$11 million in subcontractor claims arising out of the construction of a \$500-million-dollar state-of-the-art bio-containment laboratory and research facility.

Represented a general contractor advancing over \$10 million in claims, including delay and cumulative-impact claims, against the United States Government, arising out of the construction of a United States Embassy.

Represented a general contractor advancing over \$11 million in claims arising out of the construction of a publicly-owned hospital in the Bahamas.

Represented a number of subcontractors on claims arising out of the construction of a \$3.5 billion resort in the Bahamas.

Defended a public owner against subcontractor claims arising out of the construction of an airport runway extension.

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Forum on Construction Law
- Maryland State Bar Association
- Washington Building Congress

Publications

Co-Author, *Delay and Loss of Productivity Evidence: How to Efficiently and Persuasively Present this Evidence to Virginia Juries (and Judges)*, Virginia State Bar Construction Law and Public Contracts Section, 39th Annual Construction Law and Public Contracts Seminar, November 2-3, 2018.

Author, *Application of the Government-Contractor Defense to Construction Contractors*, Vol. 5, Issue 5 – April 2018 Newsletter, Division 13 of the ABA Forum on Construction Law.

Co-Presenter, *Identification and Notification: Keys to Success*, WPL Publishing Co.'s Online Course on Management of Construction Claims & Change Orders (2017) (Webinar).

Co-Author, *State-by-State Guide to Construction Contracts and Claims*, Chapter 49 (Virginia) 2017 Supplement.