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With two decades of experience, Marion is a highly regarded, first-chair trial attorney representing general contractors, owners, and engineers in complex, high-profile, multimillion dollar construction disputes at both the state and federal level. Her achievements include obtaining multimillion dollar judgments, securing complete defense verdicts, and successfully resolving disputes through arbitration and jury trials.

Marion's practice includes a wide array of construction industry matters such as bidding disputes, contract negotiations and drafting, scheduling and delay issues, mechanics lien, and claims resolution. Her broad range of legal experience includes public and private works projects including, roads, bridges, vertical construction, power facilities, environmental remediation, airports, school facilities, professional sports stadiums, concert halls, mass transit, and other heavy construction projects. Marion also has extensive experience with construction licensing issues (including expert witness work) and false claims act (FCA) defense.

Marion is a fellow of the American College of Construction Lawyers and is an active arbitrator and mediator with the American Arbitration Association. She earned her B.S. from the University of Southern California and her J.D. from the University of the Pacific.

Experience

Represented a joint venture partner against its other joint venture partner in a business dispute over the allocation of profits and losses between the parties. Achieved a \$8.3 million judgment, which encompassed almost all of the client's claims including interest, after a two-week arbitration.

Achieved a complete dismissal of a federal False Claims Act qui tam complaint regarding alleged violations of Small Business Administration requirements by a contractor.

Represented two of the world's largest global construction design/consulting firms to defeat a \$100 million breach of contract claim. Achieved a unanimous award of nearly \$5 million for the clients from an unpaid contract dispute involving a joint venture construction company in a jury trial lasting three months.

Represented a major general contractor and sureties in a jury trial regarding a breach of contract claim for the construction of 40 school projects.

Achieved a complete defense verdict in a four-week jury trial for a city on a differing site condition claim regarding a sewer lift station project, including award of all fees and costs incurred in the litigation.

Represented the City of Victorville in a jury trial on an affirmative claim for \$52 million for breach of contract and torts including breach of fiduciary duty against an engineer.

Defended trial breach of contract claims regarding pricing of contracts schools and complex issues regarding job order contracting against a school district for a general contractor client.

Defended a subcontractor's claims for nonpayment and prompt payment penalties for a school auditorium project.

Practice Areas

- Construction Law

Industry Sectors

- Real Estate & Construction

Education

- University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, J.D., 1995
- University of Southern California, B.S., 1989

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Central District of California
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of California

Affiliations

American College of Construction Lawyers, fellow

Southern California Development Forum, former president

Association of General Contractors, Legal Advisory Committee, vice chair, 2014; chair, 2015

American Bar Association, Construction Industry Forum

American Arbitration Association's Construction Disputes Panel of Arbitrators

Awards & Honors

- *Lexology Index*, Thought Leaders Construction, 2025
- *Lexology's Client Choice Awards*: Construction in the USA (2022)
- *Super Lawyers*: California (2012-2023), "Rising Star," California (2004-2007)
- *Chambers USA*: Construction Law, California (2013-2024), Band 1
- Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer (2018-2021)
- *Best Lawyers in America*: Construction Law (2018-2025), Litigation - Construction (2018-2025)
- *The Legal 500 United*

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States: Construction (2016, 2020), Real Estate: Construction (including construction litigation) (2021-2023)

- Rated AV Preeminent by *Martindale-Hubbell*
- Leaders in the Law – *Los Angeles Business Journal*, Finalist (2020)

Successfully defended approximately \$2 million in claims of non-payment to a subcontractor and a \$24 million qui tam False Claims Act action which included an award of attorney's fees for our general contractor client.

Obtained a complete victory for a subcontractor in an arbitration over a failure of payment claim on a roadway project, including winning an award three times the level of damages, and all attorney fees and costs.

Represented a general contractor in an arbitration, and was awarded \$1.15 million on performance bond claim for a failed structural steel contractor on federal project.

Represented a federal general contractor in an arbitration regarding disputes in pricing for runway work at an Air Force base.

Represented the production company of the Spike TV show "Catch a Contractor" and achieved a complete dismissal of a \$3 million personal injury action arising out of a construction related television series, including an award of all costs and fees under the anti-SLAPP statute.

Represented a JV general contractor on the binding neutral evaluation of two large claims for significant extras on airport expansion projects. Both claims determinations were and lead to a cost effective resolution between the parties without protracted litigation.

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