BIOGRAPHY OF TIMOTHY M. TRUAX

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SUMMARY:

For nearly 30 years, Tim Truax has practiced all aspects of construction law, including litigation, arbitration, mediation, alternative dispute resolution, contract drafting, insurance advice, and general consultation. He has been recognized by his peers and independent publications as one of the top construction lawyers in Southern California. Recently, Mr. Truax was named by *Best Lawyers* as the 2016 "Lawyer of the Year" for the Los Angeles region in the construction litigation practice area. In 2013, he received the Associated General Contractors of California Associate Achievement Award, recognizing his long-standing commitment to the construction industry. His understanding of the industry enables him to focus his efforts on negotiated resolution of disputes without the expense of litigation. When litigation has been unavoidable, he has tried or arbitrated 16 cases.

Matters handled by Tim Truax have involved a vast array of projects, including high-rise office buildings, mixed use retail/apartments, hotels, shopping centers, schools, sports facilities, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, condominiums, single family homes, parking structures, sewage treatment plants, power plants, parks, roads, dams, bridges and grading projects. Extensive experience with both contract drafting and litigation matters enables Mr. Truax to effectively handle legal issues arising on all types of construction projects from conception to close out. He also handles various types of real estate transactions and disputes, including land use/entitlement, leasing, financing, title insurance, and purchase and sale matters.

Tim Truax is actively involved in several bar association and construction industry trade groups, where he lobbies for and against legislation affecting the construction industry and develops and presents educational programs. He regularly speaks on construction law topics and has published numerous articles. In 2011, he became a member of the American Arbitration Association National Roster of Construction Neutrals. His practice now includes service as an arbitrator or mediator in numerous construction law cases. He also has testified as an expert witness in several legal malpractice cases involving construction law issues.

EXPERIENCE:

LAW OFFICES OF TIMOTHY M. TRUAX PC — El Segundo, CA
Founder & President, December 2007 to Present

COX, CASTLE & NICHOLSON LLP — Los Angeles, CA
Senior Counsel/Partner, April 1998 to November 2007

THELEN, MARRIN, JOHNSON & BRIDGES LLP — Los Angeles, CA
Associate/Partner, August 1985 to March 1998

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EDUCATION:

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LAW SCHOOL
Juris Doctor, May 1985

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY
Bachelor of Arts with Distinction, Journalism, May 1982

RECOGNITION:

Best Lawyers, 2007-2016
Lawyer of the Year 2016, Los Angeles Litigation-Construction

Associated General Contractors of California Associate Achievement Award 2013

Southern California Super Lawyers, 2004-2016
Top 100 Lawyers (all practice areas), 2007

America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Chambers USA, 2004-2016

Who's Who Legal: California, 2007 -2015

Martindale Hubbell AV Preeminent Ranking

AFFILIATIONS AND ADMISSIONS:

Associated General Contractors of California: Member, Building Division Board of Directors; member and former Chair, AGC Legal Advisory Committee; member, AGC Legislative and Political Action Committees.

Los Angeles County Bar Association: Member and former Chair, Real Property Section; former Chair, Construction Law Subsection.

State Bar of California: Member, Real Property Section.

American Bar Association: Member, Litigation Section and Forum Committee on Construction Law.

American Arbitration Association: National Roster of Construction Neutrals.

Admitted to State Bar of California; United States District Court, Central and Southern Districts of California; 9th Circuit Court of Appeals; admitted *pro hac vice* to federal or state courts in Nevada, Idaho and Tennessee.

COMMUNITY:

Member, Lawyers Committee, California-Pacific Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church.

Former Member and Chair, Citizens' Advisory Committee for School District Facilities, El Segundo Unified School District.