

## ASSOCIATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**Eileen Diepenbrock, *Diepenbrock Elkin Gleason LLP***



Eileen M. Diepenbrock is a partner at Diepenbrock Elkin Gleason LLP, litigation. She has a Martindale-Hubbell rating of AV Preeminent Lawyer, the highest rating awarded. In 2015, she was inducted into the American College of Construction Lawyers. In November 2008, she received the distinction of being listed in Forbes as one of The 10 Most Dependable™ Litigation Attorneys of California.

Beginning in 2011, she has been recognized every year as among the Northern California SuperLawyers, and in 2015, she has been recognized as among the top 50 women in the Northern California SuperLawyers. She consistently has been named among the “Best of the Bar” by the Sacramento Business Journal, and she has been recognized among the Women Leaders in Law in the Corporate Counsel Journal and American Lawyer in 2013.

Eileen has been actively involved in various construction industry organizations throughout her career, including AGC of California since 1993. In 2000 she served as Chair of the Legal Advisory Committee. She is a past director on the State Board and has served on the Legislative Committee throughout her involvement with AGC-CA. In 2000, she represented AGC-CA in working with other industry representatives to develop model prequalification documents adopted by the Department of Industrial Relations. In 2015, she worked with other AGC-CA members to develop updated model prequalification documents.

Her legislative work on behalf of AGC-CA has included, among other things, drafting and advocating before the Legislature the adoption of legislation to protect contractors on hard bid contract awards that are invalidated due to no fault of the contractor. The bill passed and was signed into law as Public Contract Code section 5110. In 2016, Eileen served as in the industry expert to the Legislature on similar legislation for lease-leaseback projects. That bill too passed and was signed into law as new Education Code section 17406.

On the judicial side, Eileen was retained by AGC-CA in 2004 to represent a member in a test case against CalTrans, successfully establishing that the requirements of Wage Order 16 regarding mandatory rest periods were a changed condition entitling contractors to additional compensation. Throughout her nearly 25 years of involvement with AGC-CA, Eileen been involved in a number of amicus briefs to the California Supreme Court; has spoken numerous times during State Board meetings, LAC retreats, district meetings, small conferences and workshops on legal developments that affect the industry; and has provided extensive pro bono legal services to the organization and its members.