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Areas of Practice

Litigation/Trial Practice | Construction Dispute Resolution | Construction Contract Drafting | Construction Project Counseling | Manufacturing

Mr. Andre's practice focuses on a variety of areas of construction law, including arbitration, litigation, and project oversight. Mr. Andre advises businesses in a wide range of legal, compliance, regulatory, and strategic issues. With experience in complex disputes, Mr. Andre devotes his practice to helping businesses of all stripes successfully avoid disputes where possible and navigate the incumbent legal and commercial risks when disputes arise.

Mr. Andre frequently writes on topics relating to construction dispute resolution, construction contracting, manufacturing, trade sanctions, and other topics intersecting with the construction industry. Mr. Andre has been published in publications including the Atlanta Business Chronicle and SGR's quarterly magazine, *Trust the Leaders*.

A proud Hoosier, Mr. Andre received his B.A., *summa cum laude* with distinction, in Political Science from Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana. While at Wabash, he was elected to both Phi Beta Kappa and Lambda Pi Eta. Mr. Andre received his J.D. from the Duke University School of Law. He is a member of the State Bars of Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

Experience

- Represented Fortune-200 fiber board manufacturer in nine-figure dispute over the construction of state-of-the-art fiber board mill.
- Regularly advised national and multi-national manufacturing clients on transactional issues, including the drafting and negotiation of construction and installation contracts, as well as ongoing project counseling.
- Represented international countertop manufacturer in tort dispute based on novel theory of law that resulted in a favorable recovery.

- Represented nationwide developer of multifamily and student housing in multi-party arbitration with claims relating to breach of contract, misrepresentation, and lien foreclosure.
- Counseled regional developer in dispute with contractor over claims of defective work on multiple projects throughout the Southeast.
- Advised international infrastructure contractor regarding performance, management, and completion issues with government-funded projects in the United States.
- Represented mechanical subcontractor in delay and defect claims in harbor expansion project.
- Represented developer in construction defect dispute with joint venture contractor arising out of construction of 300-unit luxury resort and 14-acre mixed-use development.
- Counseled multi-national corporation regarding issues with U.S. trade sanctions, E.U. trade sanctions, and business exposure relating to sanctions regimes.
- Advised residential homeowner in six-figure dispute over claims of defective work and billing inconsistencies.

Admissions

Georgia

South Carolina

North Carolina

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia