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BIO

Gregory H. Chertoff is Co-Managing Partner of Peckar & Abramson's New York office and serves on the firm's Executive Committee. He specializes in construction law, regularly counseling general contractors, construction managers, engineering procurement and construction (EPC) contractors and owners on contract negotiations, risk management and as a dispute advocate.

Greg's practice emphasizes resolving complex construction disputes through negotiation, mediation, and, when necessary, arbitration and litigation, on projects in New York, nationwide and internationally. He frequently addresses claims involving breach of contract, construction and design defects, liens, delays and impacts, bonds and insurance issues (including among others, subcontractor default insurance, general liability, builder's risk and professional liability), and represents many of the nation's largest contractors in building, power plant and alternative energy construction projects.

A substantial portion of Greg's practice is devoted to troubleshooting difficult projects for clients before they devolve into full-blown disputes, seeking business solutions to his clients' business problems. When necessary, however, he brings to bear extensive experience zealously representing clients before the courts of numerous states (often being admitted pro hac vice), federal courts, mediators, arbitration panels and appellate courts.

He regularly provides training programs at the request of construction industry organizations and clients on a wide range of topics, based on his 30 years of experience as a construction advocate, emphasizing practical guidance that project teams can implement in real time to manage risks and to avoid and win disputes.

In light of his accomplishments, Greg has for many years been recognized by *Chambers USA* in Construction Law (Band 1), *New York Super Lawyers-Metro* in Construction Litigation, *The Legal 500*, *Who's Who Legal*, *ALM Martindale Hubbard* (AV Rated), and among the *Best Lawyers*. Greg was named "Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers* for construction law in New York City for 2022.

Since 2021, he is an Adjunct Professor in Columbia University's School of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, teaching a course titled: *Preventing and Resolving Complex Construction Disputes*.

Greg is admitted to practice in the State of New York, the State of New Jersey and the United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York, as well as the District of New Jersey. He received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan and his law degree from Hofstra University School of Law.

HIGHLIGHTS

ADMISSIONS

- State of New York
- State of New Jersey
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

EDUCATION AND COURSES

- University of Michigan, B.A.
- Hofstra University School of Law, J.D.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Construction Dispute Resolution
- Construction Contracts & Risk Management
- International Construction and Infrastructure
- Power, Energy and Industrial

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- Building Trades Employers Association
- New York State Bar Association
- New York County Lawyers Association
- New York Building Congress, Construction Law Committee
- New York Construction Alliance

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- *Best Lawyers* "Lawyer of the Year" for Construction Law, Litigation - Construction, New York City, 2026; Construction Law, New York City, 2022
- *Best Lawyers,* 2012-2026
- *Lexology Index:* Construction, 2025
- *Who's Who Legal:* Construction, 2024
- *Chambers USA*, Construction Law, 2021, 2023-2025
- *New York-Metro Super Lawyers,* Construction Litigation, 2009-2025
- *New York-Metro Super Lawyers* "Top 100", 2024
- *The Legal 500: United States*, "Recommended Lawyer," 2022, 2024
- Turner Construction Company, Lawyer of the Year, 2010
- *ALM & Martindale-Hubbell* "New York Top-Rated Lawyers", 2019-2020

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "A Deep Dive into Damages: Show Me the Money!," *AGC's Reports & Hot Topic Papers*, January 2025 (Author)
- "A Deep Dive into Damages: Show Me the Money!," AGC Surety Bonding & Construction Risk Management Conference, January 2025 (Speaker)
- "The Cutting Edge – Strategically Managing ESI Risks, Costs and Burdens," 2023 AGC Surety Bonding and Construction Risk Management Conference, February 2023 (Speaker)

HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

- "Legally Protected Companies: Did You Really Understand the Contract You Signed?" Holt Construction's "Holt Opportunity Fridays", March 2022 (Speaker)
- "The Changing Landscape of SDI Claims and Coverage," AGC of America's Surety Bonding and Construction Risk Management Conference, June 2021 (Panelist)
- "Mold—It's Still Growing! Understanding, Preventing and Responding to Mold in Construction and Renovation," *Construction Executive*, June 2021 (Co-Author)
- "Managing Subcontractor Default Risks During COVID-19: Part 4," P&A Joint Webinar with FMI Coproration, Liberty Mutual Surety, Bespoke Metrics, and BMO Harris Bank, September 2020 (Panelist)
- "MTA Implements Revised Contractors Debarment Regulations," *P&A Client Alert,* June 2020
- "COVID-19 Construction Update: Claims and Related Coverage Issues," P&A Webinar, May 2020 (Presenter)
- "Managing Subcontractor Default Risks During COVID-19: Part 2," P&A Joint Webinar with FMI Corporation, Markel, and Hudson Insurance Group, April 2020 (Panelist)
- "How to Manage and Mitigate Subcontractor Default Risks During the COVID-19 Crisis," P&A Joint Webinar with FMI Corporation and Cove Programs, April 2020 (Panelist)
- "MTA Debarment Update," *P&A Client Alert*, November 2019
- "MTA's New Debarment Powers Pose an Existential Risk," *P&A Client Alert*, June 2019 (Co-Author)
- "Construction Tech Happy Hour," Seminar, May 2019 (Speaker)
- "Success in International Construction Disputes: Strategies During the Life Cycle," X CAI Costa Rica, February 2019 (Panelist)
- "Legal Definitions and Practical Effects on Design Delegation," AGC 2019 Conference on Surety Bonding and Construction Risk Management, January 2019 (Panelist)
- "Winning The Subcontractor Fight," P&A Breakfast Club, February 2018 (Speaker)
- New York State Bar Association Managing Partners Conference Series, April 2017 (Speaker)
- "How ESI Management Helps General Contractors Manage Litigation – Efficiently and Cost-Effectively" 2016 Construction SuperConference, December 2016 (Moderator)
- "Managing and Mitigating Risk and Impact of Subcontractor Defaults: Subcontractor Default Insurance and Performance Bonds," P&A Peer Conference, January 2015 (Speaker)
- "Identifying, Avoiding, Mitigating, and Insuring Environmental Risk in Construction," June 2015 (Panelist)
- 2015 CDI Peer Group Conference, April 2015 (Co-Host)
- "Significant New Construction Opportunities," BTEA Panel Discussion, July 2014 (Moderator)
- "Reducing ESI Costs: Strategic Advice for Construction Litigation," *CRMA Building Profits*, September/October 2013 (Co-Author)