



# BIOGRAPHY



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## PARTNER

Richard Volack is a partner in the Construction Law group at Peckar & Abramson and chair of the firm's Cyber Security & Data Privacy practice. He counsels some of the country's largest general contractors, construction managers, and owners in all aspects of construction dispute resolution, including claims involving breach of contract, construction defects, design defects, schedule-and-impact delays, mechanic's liens, surety bonds and insurance, and counsels clients in all matters concerning cyber security and data privacy.

Richard's practice encompasses dispute resolution through mediation, arbitration and, when necessary, litigation. He also counsels clients on litigation avoidance practices, risk management, project planning and contract negotiation in relation to construction projects, both in domestic and international settings.

He is a frequent lecturer on construction insurance, risk management, the New York Mechanic's Lien Law, e-discovery and electronically stored information (ESI) issues as they relate to construction litigation.

Richard is admitted to practice in the States of New York and Connecticut. He is the past chairman and past secretary of the Construction Law Committee of the New York City Bar Association and a member of the Construction Law section of the American Bar Association.

He received his bachelor of science from the University of Scranton, a master of arts degree from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Policy at Syracuse University and his law degree from Syracuse University College of Law, where he served as the business editor for the Journal of International Law and Commerce.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## **ADMISSIONS:**

- State of New York
- State of Connecticut
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

## **EDUCATION:**

- University of Scranton, B.A.
- Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Policy, M.A.
- Syracuse University College of Law, J.D.

## **PRACTICE AREAS:**

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Contracts and Risk Management
- Government Contracts
- Cyber Security and Data Privacy

## **MEMBERSHIPS:**

- New York City Bar Association (past secretary and chair of the Construction Law Committee)
- New York County Lawyers' Association
- New York State Bar Association (International Law Section)
- American Bar Association (Construction Law Section)

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

- *New York-Metro Super Lawyers*, 2018 - 2019
- *Best Lawyers*, 2018 - 2021

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

- “Grappling With Viruses on Multiple Fronts: Ongoing Cyber Risk Management in the Age of COVID-19,” *Construction Executive*, September 2020.
- “Cyber Security and Data Privacy Risk Management in the Construction Industry: Understanding the Danger that You Cannot See”, ConstructionSuperconference, Rancho Palos Verdes, December 2019 (Presenter)
- “Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Cyber Risk, But Were Afraid to Ask”, Lockton National Construction & Design Conference, September 11, 2019.
- “The Future of Construction Cyber Security in the Age of the Cloud, IoT and Blockchain,” ENR Future Tech Conference, June 2019.
- “Construction Contracts 101: Demystifying Design & Construction Contracts for the Successful Project,” New York City Bar Center, 2019.
- “Construction Contracts 201: Contracting for the Complex Construction Project – A Roadmap to the Key Clauses You Need to Know”, New York City Bar Center, 2019.
- “Litigating Construction Project Disputes 101”, New York City Bar Center, 2019.
- “Legal and Ethical Professional Practice Issues”, Institute for Design Professionals, 2016.
- “Reducing ESI Costs: Strategic Advice For Construction Litigation,” co-authored with Gregory H. Chertoff, *CFMA Building Profits*, September/October 2013.
- “Expert Witnesses on Construction Defects Can Help Win Cases,” co-authored with Don Erwin, *Constructor*, January/ February 2012.