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## PARTNER

Denis Serkin is a partner in Peckar & Abramson's New York and New Jersey offices who focuses the majority of his practice on construction law. He represents construction managers and general contractors in transactional matters, through project construction, and in the resolution of disputes through litigation, arbitration, and mediation. He is chair of the firm's International Practice.

Denis regularly assists clients in a number of market segments, including construction management, general and EPC contracting, power/energy, and infrastructure, and is highly experienced in the areas of construction defect, delay and disruption claims, change-order and extra work claims, mechanics' liens, and public bidding challenges. His experience includes project support and litigation arising from the design and construction of modular nuclear reactor units and other power facilities. Denis is also a highly sought-after contracts attorney, helping clients draft and negotiate construction agreements that utilize both custom and industry standard forms.

Denis's experience includes the representation of clients across the United States and internationally, and routinely assists clients with compliance issues—particularly those regarding the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). In 2021, he completed FIDIC Certified Course Module 2: Claims and Disputes Resolution.

Prior to entering the legal profession, Denis was a project engineer at a major New Jersey government agency, where he managed numerous projects through design to procurement and construction. Denis is an Adjunct Associate Professor at Columbia University in the Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics where he teaches a course in Prevention and Resolution of Construction Disputes. Previously, Denis was an Adjunct Professor at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, where he taught a course on the legal aspects of various types of construction contracts and specifications.

Denis has been named to the *New York-Metro Super Lawyers* list from 2019 to 2022, the *New York-Metro Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list from 2011 to 2018, the *New Jersey Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list from 2008 to 2018 and the *New Jersey Super Lawyers* list from 2021 to 2023. He was also selected as one of *Legal 500's* 2022 Recommended Lawyers, a 2016 Top Construction Lawyer and one of the "New York Top-Rated Lawyers" in 2019 by *ALM & Martindale-Hubbell*.

# 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
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

## EDUCATION AND COURSES:

- Stevens Institute of Technology, B.S.
- Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*
- FIDIC Module 2: Claims and Disputes Resolution

## PRACTICE AREAS:

- Construction and Infrastructure
- International Construction and Infrastructure
- Corporate Compliance and Integrity Counsel
- Business Litigation

## MEMBERSHIPS:

- International Bar Association
- American Bar Association (Construction Industry Forum and Litigation Section)
- New York State Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- New York County Bar Association

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

- *The Legal 500: United States*, “Recommended Lawyer,” 2022
- *Best Lawyers*, 2023
- Who’s Who Legal, Future Leaders - Partners, 2022
- *New York-Metro Super Lawyers*, 2019-2022
- *New York-Metro Super Lawyers* “Rising Star,” 2011-2018
- *New Jersey Super Lawyers*, 2021-2023
- *New Jersey Super Lawyers*, “Rising Star,” 2008-2018
- *ALM & Martindale-Hubbell* “New York Top-Rated Lawyers”, 2019-2020
- *The Legal 500*, “Top Construction Lawyers,” 2016

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- “Commencing a Lawsuit: Evaluating Whether to File Suit (NJ),” *Practical Guidance*® Practice Note, May 2022 (co-author)
- “Design Build: General Considerations When Using Design Build: Part 2,” ACCNJ, October 2021 (co-presenter)
- “Design Build Construction Services Procurement Act: Part 1,” ACCNJ, October 2021 (co-presenter)
- “Understanding the Risks of International Construction,” *Construction Executive*, April 2021 (co-author)
- “Construction Disputes Series: Session 1 - Tackling Subcontractor Disputes,” Peckar & Abramson Webinar, September 2020 (speaker)
- “Dispute Resolution in Construction Projects,” *The Projects and Construction Review* 4th – 10th

# HIGHLIGHTS **CONTINUED**

Editions, 2014-2020 (co-author)

- “The United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the International Construction Industry”, *Obras Magazine* – May 2013 (co-author)
- “Significant Change to Contractors’ Registration Act for Home Improvement Contractors”, *Peckar & Abramson Newsletter*, October 2013