



## Charles E. Williams, III

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### BIO

Charles E. Williams III, is a partner in the Construction and Real Estate Law practices at Peckar & Abramson. He focuses his practice on construction, real property and government relations issues and commercial litigation, including the representation of sureties.

Charles has tried numerous cases in New York State courts and has frequently represented clients in actions in the federal courts in both New York and New Jersey. In addition, Charles has conducted numerous seminars for both clients and governmental entities concerning the laws and regulations that govern the certification of Minority/Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (M/W/DBE) and the computation of the participation of these businesses on projects to satisfy statutory and/or contractual utilization goals.

Prior to joining Peckar & Abramson, Charles served as vice president and general counsel of the New York City School Construction Authority, as well as counsel to the Borough President of Manhattan, general counsel to the New York Department of State and acting secretary of the State of New York. He has also served as assistant counsel to the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Charles is admitted to practice in the State of New York, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Franklin & Marshall College and his law degree from Columbia University School of Law.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## ADMISSIONS

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

## EDUCATION AND COURSES

- Franklin & Marshall College, B.A.
- Columbia University School of Law, J.D.

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Real Estate Law
- Government Contracts
- Surety

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- *Best Lawyers*, 2024-2026
- *New York-Metro Super Lawyers* - Construction, 2006-2025
- Building Trades Employers' Association (BTEA), MWBE Leadership Award, 2021
- *City & State New York's* MWBE Power 50 List, 2021

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "New York Surety Law from the Contractor Point of View," Peckar & Abramson Webinar, October 2023 (Presenter)
- "MWBE Issues in Construction," 2020 Anchin Conference, February 2020 (Presenter)
- "Growth Strategies: Teaming, Joint Ventures and Partnering," 2019 New York State MWBE Forum, October 2019 (Panelist)
- "Project Labor Agreements: Growing Your Company with Union Experience," 2018 New York State MWBE Forum, October 2018 (Presenter)