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## BIO

Lee Banta is a partner in P&A's Houston office and is board certified in construction law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. His practice focuses on construction litigation concerning a variety of issues, including delay and lost productivity claims, lien and bond claim disputes, and construction defect litigation. He has represented owners, contractors, subcontractors, and materialmen at all stages of the litigation process in arbitration, state, and federal court, securing favorable judgments for his clients.

Further, Lee has experience drafting and negotiating construction contracts, advising clients during ongoing construction projects when disputes arise, and assisting in project close-out negotiations to help his clients avoid litigation. Lee is currently a board member of the Houston Bar Association Construction Law Section. Lee is a graduate of Amherst College and the University of Houston Law Center.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## ADMISSIONS

- State of Texas
- United States District Court Southern District of Texas

## EDUCATION AND COURSES

- University of Houston Law Center, J.D., *cum laude*
- Amherst College, B.A., *cum laude*

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Commercial and Business Litigation

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- *Best Lawyers* “Ones to Watch,” 2022-2026
- *Texas Super Lawyers* “Rising Star,” 2025
- Susman Godfrey L.L.P. Award for Outstanding Paper in Area of General Litigation, University of Houston Law Center, 2015

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “He Chose...Poorly: How Bad DSC Clauses Lead to Project Doom in the Last Crusade of Construction Risk,” *ConsensusDocs Newsletter*, February 2026
- “Snooze You Lose? Enforcement of Notice and Timing Provisions,” *ConsensusDocs Newsletter*, October 2024
- “Merger and Disclaimer of Reliance Clauses: Guarding Against Crossed Fingers,” *ConsensusDocs Newsletter*, December 2023
- “The Force Majeure Doctrine and Standard Construction Form Contract Provisions: Revisiting an Old Contract Provision During These New Uncertain Times,” *Construction Law Journal*, July 2021