



# BIOGRAPHY



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## SENIOR COUNSEL

Jennifer Harris is senior counsel in Peckar & Abramson's Washington, D.C. office. Her primary areas of practice are construction and government contracts law, complex commercial litigation, and real estate law. Jennifer's experience includes contract litigation and negotiations, landlord and tenant matters, land-use litigation and the enforceability of land covenants. She provides counsel to clients in contract litigation, tax sale foreclosure actions, negotiations and business disputes, and matters concerning Minority/Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (M/W/DBE), among other matters.

Over the course of her career, Jennifer has been involved in all aspects of the litigation process including jury trials, district and circuit court cases, and she has specific experience in pre-trial and trial practice, motion practice, fact and expert discovery, witness preparation and settlement negotiations. Jennifer also has experience in appellate briefing and has argued before the Maryland Court of Special Appeals.

Prior to joining Peckar & Abramson, Jennifer was a litigation attorney with a regional Maryland firm. Jennifer also clerked for the Honorable Mickey J. Norman in the Third Judicial Circuit of Maryland.

Jennifer holds a J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law, where she graduated *summa cum laude* and was a member of the Heusler Honor Society. Throughout law school, Jennifer was an active member on the Executive Board of the University of Baltimore Law Review, the National Labor Law Moot Court Team, and served as a Rule 16 Attorney for the Civil Advocacy Clinic.

Jennifer is admitted to practice in Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## ADMISSIONS:

- State of Maryland
- Commonwealth of Virginia
- District of Columbia Bar
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland
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## EDUCATION:

- University of Maryland at College Park, B.A.
- University of Baltimore School of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*

## PRACTICE AREAS:

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Government Contracts
- Business Litigation
- Real Estate Law

## MEMBERSHIPS:

- Washington Building Congress
- Associated Builders and Contractors Metro Washington, Women Building Washington Committee-Chair 2023-2024
- ACE Mentor Program, Greater Washington-Metro Chapter
- Trash Free Maryland, Pro Bono Non-Profit Advisory Counsel - 2018
- Business Volunteers of Maryland - GIVE Program Fellow - 2018
- University of Baltimore School of Law Peer Mentorship Program - 2018
- University of Baltimore Alumnae Council - 2017, 2018

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

- *Best Lawyers* “Ones to Watch,” 2022-2023
- *Washington, DC Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2019, 2022-2023
- Heusler Honor Society, University of Baltimore School of Law

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- “Strategic Partnerships: How to Build Industry Relationships,” Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Metro Washington – Women Building Washington, March 2023 (moderator)
- “Recent Federal Contracting Developments: New Veteran-Owned Small Business Certification Requirements, Joint Venture Regulations and Inflation Relief,” National Association of Surety Bond Producers, February 2023 (co-presenter)
- “New Certification Requirements for Veteran-Owned Small Business Concerns and Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Concerns Seeking Public Procurement Contracts,” *P&A Client Alert*, January 2023 (co-author)
- “Contract Administration,” 2022 Regional ABA Meeting Forum on Construction Law, December 2022 (presenter)
- “Women Building Washington Presents: Mentorship in Construction - Why It Matters,” Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Metro Washington Presentation, October 2022 (presenter)
- “Bonding and Insurance - Risk Management Considerations,” Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Metro Washington seminar, September 2022 (presenter)

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- “Navigating the Impact and Negotiating for the Future – Labor and Material Escalation,” Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Metro Washington Presentation, August 2022 (presenter)
- “DoD Issues Guidance on Inflation Adjustments for Contractors,” Peckar & Abramson *Government Contracts Blog*, June 2022 (co-author)
- “The Realities and Implications of Diversity and Inclusion in Construction Law: The Impact of Implicit Bias,” Groundbreaking Women in Construction (GWIC), May 2022 (co-presenter)
- “How to Prepare a Claim that Will Maximize Your Recovery and Maximize Your Costs and Recovery Time,” Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Metro Washington seminar, May 2022 (co-presenter)
- “Killer Contract Clauses,” Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Metro Washington presentation, April 2022 (co-presenter)
- “Time to ‘Construct’ New Social Media Policies,” *ConsensusDocs* Newsletter, March 2022 (Co-Author)
- “Virtual Mediation – How Do I Make it Work for Me?” *ConsensusDocs*, December 2020 (co-author)
- “Government Limits Adequate Price Competition Exception to the Requirement to Submit Certified Cost or Pricing Data,” *Peckar & Abramson GovConLaw Blog*, July 2019 (author)
- “Collections: Statute of Limitations on Service Contracts and Commercial Leases,” June 2018 (author)
- “‘Technically Speaking’—the Do’s and Don’ts of the New Maryland Electronic Filing Rules,” October 2017 (author)
- “Maryland’s Reasonable Accommodations for Disabilities due to Pregnancy Act: Meaning, Interpretation, and Implications,” *44 U. Balt. L. Rev.* (Sept. 29, 2014) (author)