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BIO

Nicholas J. Zaita, a partner in Peckar & Abramson's New Jersey office, focuses on construction law and commercial business disputes. Nick has over a decade of litigation experience, representing heavy-highway construction contractors, specialty subcontractors, and engineering firms in state and federal courts in New York and New Jersey. He has consistently helped clients achieve successful results, whether through private mediation, arbitration, or in trial. Nick also serves as corporate counsel for many clients, providing legal guidance on contract drafting and negotiations, employment policies, and insurance coverage.

In 2018, Nick was appointed to serve on the New Jersey Supreme Court Fee Arbitration Committee as a panel chair for the Bergen County District Fee Arbitration Committee.

After graduating from law school, Nick served as the law clerk for the Hon. Robert P. Contillo, P.Ch. (Ret.), in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen Vicinage. During his clerkship, Nick gained invaluable knowledge of the inner workings of the court system, which he uses every day to provide the most effective representation for his clients.

Nick pursued his passion for athletics and the sports industry by earning degrees in Sports Management from the University of Tampa and University of Florida. In law school, Nick integrated his experience in the sports industry with the law, working as a law clerk for the National Football League Management Council.

Nick has been named by *New Jersey Super Lawyers* as one of the top attorneys in New Jersey. He was recently named a "Top Lawyer" in Construction by *Bergen Magazine*. He received his J.D. from New York Law School, his M.S. from the University of Florida, and his B.S. from the University of Tampa.

HIGHLIGHTS

ADMISSIONS

- State of New York
- State of New Jersey
- United States District Court, District of New Jersey
- United States District Court, Southern District of New York
- United States District Court, Eastern District of New York
- United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

EDUCATION AND COURSES

- University of Tampa, B.S.
- University of Florida, M.S.
- New York Law School, J.D.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Construction Dispute Resolution
- Business Litigation

MEMBERSHIPS

- Panel Chair, Bergen County District Fee Arbitration Committee for the New Jersey Supreme Court Fee Arbitration Committee
- Bergen County Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association, Construction Section
- ABA Forum on Construction

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- *New Jersey Super Lawyers*, 2017-2021
- *Bergen Magazine* "Top Lawyer" - Construction, 2023

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "Little Miller Act Claims," NJICLE 2023 Construction Law Forum, June 2023 (presenter)
- "Army Corps of Engineers Developing an Incredible Opportunity for New Jersey," New Jersey Alliance for Action Seminar, May 2023 (moderator)
- "New Jersey Appellate Decision Reminds Bid Protestors to Take Caution When Determining Where to File an Action," *P&A Client Alert*, March 2023 (co-author)
- "Utilizing Technical Mediation and Other Alternative Dispute Resolution Measures to Resolve Complex Construction Disputes," Risk Management in Underground Construction Course, February 2023 (co-presenter)
- "Best Practices for Implementing the New Buy America Requirements," *AGC Cornerstone Magazine*, Winter 2022 (co-author)
- "Navigating the NJDOT Claims Process," P&A Webinar, June 2022 (co-presenter)
- "Show Me the Money: Who is Responsible for the Impacts of a Differing Site Condition on a Design-Bid-Build Project Versus a Design-Build Project?," P&A and Langan Engineering Webinar, May 2022 (co-presenter)
- "The Evolution of the Tunneling Industry and How it is Shaping Owner and Contractor Viewpoints on Risk Allocation," Risk Management in Underground Construction Conference, April 2022 (co-presenter)

HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

- “Degrees of Separation: Owner’s Risks in Spinning Specifications from a Joint Venture,” Construction SuperConference, December 2019 (moderator)
- “Be in the Know: The New Era of Contractor-Owner Claims Disputes,” Construction SuperConference, December 2018 (moderator)
- “Not Going Down With The Ship: Managing Risk and Surviving the Struggling Construction Project,” NJICLE, June 2017 (co-presenter)