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PARTNER

Barry Brooks is a partner in Peckar & Abramson's Dallas office, where he concentrates his practice on construction law, employment law, and general commercial litigation matters. He represents a broad range of commercial and construction clients, including contractors, owners, healthcare providers, and corporate executives, as well as U.S. and international corporations. Barry thrives in high-stakes litigation and has maintained a strong reputation for protecting and advancing his clients' sensitive business interests.

A highly skilled litigator and defense attorney, Barry vigorously represents his clients' interests throughout the litigation process and understands the importance of efficient and decisive action. He has successfully represented numerous entities in multimillion-dollar disputes, including breach of contract, fraud, and defective construction lawsuits, as well as high-profile Department of Labor (DoL) investigations, theft of trade secrets, and breach of fiduciary duty claims. He also works closely with businesses before problems arise to find creative solutions to protect their most vital resources and assist them in avoiding costly disputes.

Barry offers his clients a wealth of hands-on construction industry experience, having worked for several years as a civil engineer throughout Texas and Colorado. In this capacity, he managed and designed numerous engineering projects from preliminary feasibility through final construction for residential and commercial developments. This practical knowledge provides him with a well-rounded understanding of his construction clients' needs, as well as the numerous nuances and complexities that affect major building projects.

Barry earned his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University, where he served as a member and later as a company commander in the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets. He later earned his J.D. from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, where he graduated in top three percent of his class, served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Denver University Law Review*, and received numerous awards for academic achievement and student leadership. Barry spent his first year of practice as a law clerk to Justice Nathan B. Coats of the Colorado Supreme Court.

HIGHLIGHTS

ADMISSIONS:

- State of Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

EDUCATION:

- Texas A&M University, B.S., Civil Engineering
- University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D.

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Employment Law and Practices
- Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Construction Dispute Resolution
- Government Contracts

MEMBERSHIPS:

- State Bar of Texas (Construction Law Section, Labor & Employment Section)
- Dallas Bar Association (Construction Law Section, Labor & Employment Section)
- Rockwall County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- American Society of Civil Engineers

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

- *Texas Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2014 - 2016

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- “COVID-19 Forum: A Series on Managing Risk In Unprecedented Times – Episode 3,” April 2020 (Presenter)
- “COVID-19 Forum: A Series on Managing Risk In Unprecedented Times – Episode 2,” April 2020 (Presenter)
- “COVID-19 Forum: A Series on Managing Risk In Unprecedented Times – Episode 1,” March 2020 (Presenter)
- “86th Texas Legislative Session Update - Future of the Construction Industry,” Peckar & Abramson Seminar, June 2019 (Presenter)