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# Peckar & Abramson Attorneys Levi W. Barrett and Michael C. Zisa Named Co-Managing Partners

**NEW YORK, NY – March 30, 2022** – Peckar & Abramson, P.C. (P&A) is pleased to announce that Levi W. Barrett, chair of the firm's contracts, project documentation, and risk management practice, has been named co-managing partner of the firm's New Jersey office; and Michael C. Zisa, chair of the firm's surety practice and co-chair of the crisis management team, has been named co-managing partner of the firm's Washington, DC office. Levi shares the role with Robert A. Drucker while Mike joins Michael A. Branca.

Levi and Mike will be vital assets to Peckar & Abramson's management team, overseeing all aspects of their respective offices' business, and helping the firm to achieve its strategic vision. The addition of Levi and Mike comes in tandem with the firm's succession planning efforts as it works to continue to be recognized for its leadership in construction law and exceptional client service.

Firm Chair Steven M. Charney said, "We are honored to have Levi and Mike assume these new roles. Their appointments are a reflection of our continuing commitment to the evolution of Peckar & Abramson." He continued, "Levi and Mike will elevate our firm's future as strategic and resilient leaders."

"I look forward to working with Rob (Drucker) and other firm leaders to pursue strategic growth and innovation so that we can continue to bring exceptional value to our clients," commented Levi.

Mike noted, "I'm excited to join Mike (Branca) in leading and supporting P&A in its commitment to excellence in service to its clients and the community and helping guide the firm forward."

#### **About Levi Barrett**

Levi Barrett focuses his practice on construction law and counsels clients on all aspects of public and private construction projects. He advises clients across the United States and abroad with respect to risk mitigation planning, claims, and project administration, in connection with horizontal and vertical construction. Levi works with general contractors, construction managers, owners and developers to structure, evaluate, and negotiate contract documents. He also has extensive experience representing general contractors and subcontractors in complex disputes involving construction inefficiencies, delays, differing site conditions, constructive changes, extra work, and default claims.

Levi is a frequent speaker and author on contract negotiations, emerging issues relating to emerging project delivery methods, design-build, and delegated design. He is a contributing partner to the Leading Construction Lawyers International Alliance and an active member of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), where he serves on their Contract Documents and Construction Leadership Council



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Steering Committees. Levi has been named to the New Jersey and New York Super Lawyers Rising Stars lists and was named a New Leader of the Bar by the New Jersey Law Journal. He received his J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law and his B.A. from San Francisco State University.

#### **About Michael Zisa**

Michael Zisa focuses his practice on construction, surety and government contracts law. He has successfully represented sureties, general contractors, subcontractors and owners in litigation before federal and state courts as well as various contract appeals boards and in alternative dispute resolution forums.

Mike represents construction clients on public and private projects with regard to a variety of matters ranging from prosecution and defense of breach of contract and request for equitable adjustment claims to payment bond, performance bond and mechanic's lien claims. His work for surety clients includes analysis and defense of payment bond and performance bond claims, negotiation and administration of takeover arrangements and prosecution of subrogation and indemnity actions.

Mike regularly speaks and writes on construction and surety issues. He is a member of many organizations including the National Association of Surety Bond Producers, Washington Building Congress, and the Associated General Contractors of DC. Mike has recognized by Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers since 2014 and Chambers USA in the area of construction law, and is a Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America. He received his J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law and his B.A. from Susquehanna University, development

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