

Peckar & Abramson, P.C. Welcomes Texas Team

P&A Solidifies Position as Top National Construction Law Practice with Texas Expansion in Austin, Dallas and Houston

NEW YORK—January 6, 2016 – **Peckar & Abramson, P.C. (P&A)** is pleased to announce the opening of three P&A Texas offices in Austin, Dallas and Houston, along with the addition of nine leading construction law attorneys, each previously at the core of the Ford Nassen & Baldwin law firm. The Texas team, consisting of some of the state’s foremost construction litigators, will enhance P&A’s construction, commercial, real estate and surety law practice in Texas, as well as its national government contracts practice.

Combining Knowledge and Expertise

“The addition of three Texas offices reinforces our position as the predominant construction law firm,” said P&A Chairman, **Steven M. Charney**. “P&A is dedicated to delivering unprecedented legal services to the construction industry through excellence, foresight, leadership and innovation. **Jeffrey A. Ford, George C. Baldwin, Todd H. Colvard, Timothy D. Matheny, Curtis W. Martin, James L. Deem, Paulo Flores** and the talented associates they bring with them, constitute a perfect fit and strong team that will provide expanded resources to our clients.”

About Jeffrey A. Ford

Jeffrey A. Ford is a Partner in P&A’s Dallas office. He represents contractors, developers, owners, specialty contractors, and sureties in all facets of the construction process, from the preparation of contract documents, to counseling on business and legal issues that arise during projects, and the resolution of disputes. He has extensive experience as a mediator and arbitrator, and is a current member of the American Arbitration Association’s Large Complex Construction Case Panel of Construction Arbitrators. Mr. Ford is an elected Fellow of the American College of Construction Lawyers and was recognized by Best Lawyers in America® in 2013 and 2016 as to Dallas Construction Law Lawyer of the Year.

About George C. Baldwin

George C. Baldwin is a Partner in P&A’s Austin office. He focuses his practice on the resolution of commercial disputes through litigation, mediation, and arbitration. Mr. Baldwin has extensive experience

in cases involving scheduling problems, acceleration, delays, defective construction, and defective and ambiguous plans and specifications. He also serves as an arbitrator and mediator for the Washington, D.C. and Dallas, Texas offices of the American Arbitration Association and for private parties. Mr. Baldwin has served on the Texas Building Branch Legislative Committee and is a former Chair of the Construction Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. Mr. Baldwin is also the co-author of *Builders and Contractor's Handbook of Construction Claims*, published by Prentice Hall, and Editor of *The Basics Book* soon to be published by the Texas Institute of Continuing Legal Education in conjunction with the Construction Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. Mr. Baldwin is recognized by Best Lawyers in America® as 2014 Lawyer of the Year: Construction Law.

About Todd H. Colvard

Todd H. Colvard is a Partner in P&A's Houston office. His practice is focused on construction and commercial litigation. Mr. Colvard has experience in both prosecuting and defending litigation matters, and has handled a variety of disputes involving claims of construction defects, breach of contract, breach of warranty, employment related claims, real estate disputes, personal injury matters, premises liability, and product liability.

About Timothy D. Matheny

Timothy D. Matheny is a Managing Partner in P&A's Dallas office. He focuses his practice on construction disputes and litigation, including all phases of public procurement law, including bid and proposal preparation, contract award controversies, performance related disputes, and contract claims. Mr. Matheny's experience as a member of the Air Force JAG Corps provides value to clients who do business with all levels of government, in both formal and informal proceedings before administrative agendas, boards of contract appeals, and litigation in state and federal courts. Mr. Matheny is recognized by Best Lawyers in America® as a leading lawyer in the area of Construction Law in 2014.

About Curtis W. Martin

Curtis W. Martin is Managing Partner of P&A's Houston office. He represents contractors and owners on large construction projects and advises clients on all facets of the construction process, from the preparation of contract documents to counseling on risk management, business and legal issues that arise during projects, and dispute resolution. Mr. Martin has served the construction industry since 1979, both as a lawyer and as an industry executive. He frequently writes and lectures on topics in construction law and risk management, and has taught construction law at the university level and trained industry professionals throughout the United States and abroad. Mr. Martin is recognized by Best Lawyers in America® as a leading lawyer in the area of Construction Law in 2015 and 2016.

About James L. Deem

James L. Deem is a Partner in P&A's Dallas office. He has substantial experience in helping clients prepare and negotiate well-balanced risk allocations in their contract agreements, in all of their various forms. Mr. Deem assists clients in finding reasonable resolutions to project issues before they become more complicated, and when needed, helps resolve disputes through litigation, arbitration, and other forms of

alternative dispute resolution. His clients include owners, developers, commercial contractors, and surety bonding companies. Mr. Deem is recognized by Best Lawyers in America® as a leading lawyer in the area of Construction Law (2013).

About Paulo Flores

Paulo Flores is a Partner in P&A's Dallas office. In addition to his extensive construction law practice, he also has 25 years of experience in commercial litigation, commercial landlord/tenant issues resolution and litigation, and real estate litigation, as well as representation of creditors and banking institutions in collections, creditor bankruptcy work, and litigation prosecution and defense. In 2003, Mr. Flores was appointed by Governor Rick Perry as one of the three public members of the nine-member Texas Residential Construction Commission and, in February 2008, was appointed by the governor as Chair of that commission. In 2007, West Publishing (now Thomson Reuters) published his book, *Texas Residential Construction Law Manual*. Mr. Flores currently serves on the Executive Council of the Texas State Bar Construction Law Section.

P&A is also bringing on a team of highly experienced associates, including **Christopher A. Scifres, Justin D. Holzheuser.**

About Peckar & Abramson, P.C.

Peckar & Abramson, P.C. maintains offices in New York, New Jersey, Florida, California, Washington, D.C., Illinois, Texas and Pennsylvania, and has affiliations with global firms in Latin America (through its founding membership in CONSTRULEGAL), London and China. In addition to its core construction practice, the firm has practice groups who counsel contractors on labor and employment matters, corporate and regulatory compliance issues including D/M/WBE compliance and general corporate and real estate matters. The firm's website can be found at www.pecklaw.com.

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