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Steven Gentoso, Senior Associate in Peckar & Abramson's Washington, D.C. office, focuses on complex commercial contracts and disputes within real estate, construction law, mediation, arbitration and litigation. Drawing on his diverse experience in both private practice and in-house construction law, he represents developers, contractors, and property owners in high-stakes litigation and transactions. With a legal and engineering background, Steven provides strategic counsel, helping clients navigate risk, maintain compliance, and resolve disputes efficiently.

Steven's prior experience serving as General Counsel for a construction management firm has equipped him to play key roles in contract negotiations, strategic business decisions, risk mitigation, and complex litigation. His practice encompasses all phases of real estate and construction law and mediation, arbitration and litigation, handling matters for clients across a broad range of issues including breach of contract, mechanics' liens, bid protests, defects, delays, extra work, and contract negotiation and drafting. Steven also has experience in advising clients on a wide range of corporate, real estate, and related matters, allowing him to offer practical and results-driven legal guidance that aligns with business objectives.

A significant focus of Steven's practice is data center construction, an area he knows from both sides of the table. He has worked on data center projects as a general contractor in both project management and in-house legal roles, giving him a practical perspective on the schedules, procurement, and site demands that shape these builds.

Steven holds a B.S. in civil and environmental engineering from Villanova University and a J.D. from St. John's University School of Law. His combined knowledge of law, engineering, and industry operations allows him to navigate complex legal challenges with a well-rounded, strategic approach, making him a trusted advisor to clients in the construction and real estate sectors.

Beyond his legal practice, Steven is committed to sustainable infrastructure development. As an Alumni Advisor for Villanova University Service Learning (VESL), he provides guidance on the management of water supply infrastructure and parish center construction in Panama and Nicaragua, helping communities implement sustainable solutions.

HIGHLIGHTS

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Commonwealth of Virginia
- State of Maryland
- State of New York
- United States District Court - Eastern District of Virginia
- United States District Court - Southern District of New York
- United States District Court - District of Columbia
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

EDUCATION AND COURSES

- Saint John's University, J.D.
- Villanova University, B.S.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction & Infrastructure
- Construction Contracts & Risk Management
- Construction Litigation & ADR
- Data Center Construction
- Government Contracts
- Real Estate Law

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "New York Amends Prompt Payment Act: Retainage Above %5 in Private Construction Contracts Now Void," *P&A Client Alert,* January 2026
- "Designing for Sustainability," Decarb Summit's Data Center Planning for Grid Resiliency, November 2025