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## CONSTRUCTION CAMPAIGN CHALLENGES ★★★★The State of the Industry in 2016★★★★

**2016 ALFA INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION PRACTICE GROUP SEMINAR**

**July 27-29, 2016  
Terranea Resort  
Rancho Palos Verdes, California**

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## About the Palos Verdes Peninsula

Poised above coastal bluffs with sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean, Terranea (terraNAY-a) Resort debuted in June 2009 as the only luxury destination resort on the Los Angeles coast. The Mediterranean-inspired resort provides a sophisticated retreat for guests with a relaxed ambiance and panoramic seascape views. Celebrated for its natural beauty, the 102-acre estate features 582 guestrooms and suites. Terranea is located on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, one of Southern California's most scenic and coveted coastlines overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Catalina Island. Guests will enjoy a tranquil escape in this natural haven, conveniently located 30 minutes from both Los Angeles International and Long Beach airports and just 30 miles southwest of downtown Los Angeles.

## ★ ★ ★ WHAT IS ★ ★ ★ ALFA INTERNATIONAL?

ALFA International is the premier network of independent law firms. Founded in 1980, ALFA International is the first and continues to be one of the largest and strongest legal networks. We have 145 member firms throughout the world. Our 80 U.S. firms represent 95 of the 100 largest metropolitan areas. Our 65 international firms are located throughout Europe, Asia, Australia/New Zealand, Africa, Canada, Mexico and South America.

ALFA International's mission is to provide high quality, cost efficient legal services wherever our clients need them. The ALFA International model enables our members to use their local expertise to deliver highly effective legal solutions, often drawing upon the collective wisdom and experience of other member firms. ALFA International clients benefit from a geographically comprehensive network of exceptional law firms and accomplished trial and business counsel. Our member firms meet high standards to be part of the ALFA International network and are well respected by their peers in the legal and business community.

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## 2016 ALFA International Construction Practice Group Seminar

**July 27 -29, 2016**  
**Terranea Resort**  
**Rancho Palos Verdes, California**

### Hosted by ALFA International's Construction Practice Group

When better than a Presidential Election year to join the debate over the state of the construction industry? Where better than the beautiful coastline of Southern California to meet with industry leaders, renew old friendships, make new ones, and participate in the discourse?

We invite you to join us this summer at the breathtaking Terranea Resort just outside of Los Angeles, California for the 2016 ALFA International Construction Practice Group symposium: "Construction Campaign Challenges: Addressing the State of the Industry 2016."

Amidst the backdrop of the 2016 party conventions and the race for the White House, the ALFA International Construction Practice Group is ready to dive into the critical legal, financial, and policy issues facing our global and American construction industry. The industry has been through a decade of ups and downs, and the challenges facing construction-related businesses are more difficult than ever. But, like any debate, there are two (or more) sides. And we are ready to engage with you and the other attendees of this bi-annual symposium to share ideas and develop new ones.

This year's diverse program is again broken down into three "tracks": "**The Business of Construction: Risk and Resolving Commercial Disputes**," "**Personal Injury and Property Damage Claims on Construction Projects**" and "**Design, Construction Defect and Insurance Litigation**." General counsel, risk managers and insurance professionals alike will benefit from the timely, comprehensive and practical information presented, opportunities for networking, exchange of ideas and maybe even some inspiration!

Join the candidates who have already stepped forward to be a part of this fun-filled and educational event. Join other construction industry leaders and ALFA International's Construction Practice Group to connect, brainstorm and stay ahead of the curve on the changes, trends and opportunities in the industry at beautiful Terranea Resort.

**Grace Garcia**  
*Program Co-Chair, 2016 Construction Practice Group Seminar*  
MORRISON MAHONEY LLP  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Brett Marston**  
*Program Co-Chair, 2016 Construction Practice Group Seminar*  
GENTRY LOCKE  
Roanoke, Virginia

## Wednesday, July 27, 2016

### 12:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **REGISTRATION**

Lobby Bar Terrace West

### 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **FACULTY PRACTICE**

Palos Verdes 4

### 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

## Spa-ahhhh! Relax and Restore Women's Initiative Event

Cove Terrace

Join your female colleagues, unwind, and get pampered before the conference gets underway. Relaxing hand or shoulder massages and polish changes will be offered to get you all set for the rest of your stay. With our Spa-ahhhh event being held on the outdoor terrace, you can enjoy light refreshments and mingle with others while enjoying the beauty of the amazing Terranea Resort.



#### Katie Gorrie

Women's Initiative Practice Group Liaison  
JOHNSON & BELL, LTD.  
Chicago, Illinois

### 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **ALL-ATTORNEY MEETING**

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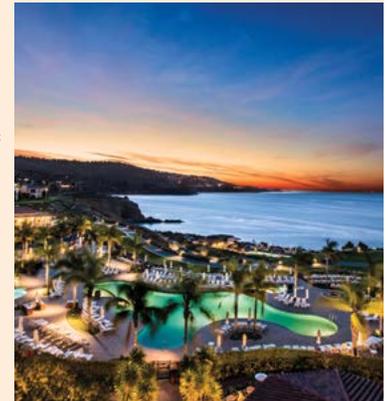
### 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

## Coastal Breeze Kickoff

### Reception, Dinner & Registration

Catalina Terrace & Lawn

All attendees are invited for dinner, drinks and live music outside on the stunning Catalina Lawn. Relax into a Southern California mindset while reconnecting with your industry and ALFA International colleagues and making new connections. This night is casual so please come as you are; jeans are encouraged!



## Thursday, July 28, 2016

### 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

#### **NETWORKING BREAKFAST**

Palos Verdes Terrace

### 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### **PROGRAM SESSIONS**

Palos Verdes 1-4

### 8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

#### **Welcome Remarks**

##### Gary Bague

ALFA International Vice Chairman of the Board  
HAIGHT, BROWN & BONESTEEL  
Los Angeles, California

##### Ian Frank

Construction Practice Group Chair  
FRANTZ WARD LLP  
Cleveland, Ohio

##### Grace Garcia

Construction Practice Group Program Co-Chair  
MORRISON MAHONEY LLP  
Boston, Massachusetts

##### Brett Marston

Construction Practice Group Program Co-Chair  
GENTRY LOCKE  
Roanoke, Virginia

### 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

## THE GREAT CONSTRUCTION DEBATE: A PASSIONATE EXCHANGE OF INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVES

Observers of all political stripes view the upcoming Presidential election as a watershed moment in our nation's history. Before campaign appearances became predictable, made-for-TV events, debates were used to hone the candidate's message, educate the audience and (maybe) change people's minds! The greatest elections are transformational, inspiring iconic messages such as: "Happy Days Are Here Again," "A Chicken in Every Pot;" and even, "It's The Economy, Stupid!" Ronald Reagan asked: "Are You Better Off Now Than You Were Four Years Ago?" Well, are you? Hear this slate of experts from all construction industry sectors – design, construction, suretyship, and insurance – debate the state of the industry, its opportunities and challenges, and what the future may hold. Is it true that we've had "Change We Can Believe In?" Ask not what your industry can do for you, ask what you can do for your industry!

#### **MODERATOR**

##### Benton Barton

HALL & EVANS LLC  
Denver, Colorado

#### **PANELISTS**

##### Cynthia Stevens

Associate General  
Counsel, U.S. Litigation  
JACOBS  
ENGINEERING  
GROUP, INC.  
Pasadena, California

##### Bill Quatman

Senior Vice President  
and General Counsel  
BURNS & MCDONNELL  
Kansas City, Missouri

##### Kevin McGrath

Vice President  
of Licensed  
Professionals Claims  
BERKSHIRE  
HATHAWAY SPECIALTY  
INSURANCE  
New York, New York

##### Frank Lanak

Executive Vice  
President, Bond Claims  
TOKIO MARINE HCC,  
SURETY GROUP  
Los Angeles, California

##### Kelly TerWisscha

CEO, Chairman  
of the Board  
TERWISSCHA  
CONSTRUCTION, INC.  
St. Cloud, Minnesota

### 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **BREAK**

## ★★BREAKOUT★★ SESSION TRACKS

Five breakout sessions are offered, three on Thursday and two on Friday. Each breakout session offers you a choice among three presentations. The general track themes and offerings for each time slot are listed below. You are not required to stay within one track, so please feel free to choose various track presentations throughout the conference.

### TRACK I

#### ★ Business of Construction

##### TRACK LEADERS:

**Jim Archibald**

*Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP*  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

**Chris Ward**

*STRASBURGER & PRICE, LLP*  
Dallas, Texas

### TRACK 2

#### ★ Personal Injury and Property Damage Claims

##### TRACK LEADERS:

**Reed Grimm**

*TAYLOR DAY GRIMM & BOYD*  
Jacksonville, Florida

**David Stechow**

*PLUNKETT COONEY*  
Detroit, Michigan

### TRACK III

#### ★ Design, Construction Defect and Insurance Litigation

##### TRACK LEADERS:

**Michael Gibson**

*HIGGS, FLETCHER & MACK*  
San Diego, California

**Bob deRosset**

*YOUNG MOORE AND HENDERSON P.A.*  
Raleigh, North Carolina

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Session 1

### TRACK I:

#### Health of the Subcontractor Sector: Current Trends Examined

Fluctuations in the economy create unique challenges for subcontractors. The resurgent economy has certainly benefitted many subcontractors, but has also created challenges for others while the overall construction market stabilizes. This panel will examine from a legal and practical perspective how general contractor and subcontractor relationships and challenges are being approached.

##### MODERATORS

**Al DiVincentis**

*HALLORAN SAGE*  
Hartford, Connecticut

**Gerald (Jerry) Clay**

*CLAY CHAPMAN IWAMURA PULICE & NERVELL*  
Honolulu, Hawaii

##### PANELISTS

**Douglas Schrift**

*Managing Director, Construction Services*  
AON  
Charlotte, North Carolina

**Greg Holness**

*General Counsel*  
PERMASTEELISA  
NORTH AMERICA  
Hartford, Connecticut

### TRACK II:

#### Undocumented Workers in the Workforce

Uy, eso duele! Au to boli! Ouch that hurts! – Regardless of whether you work in a red state or a blue state, undocumented alien workers are working on your projects. Some become injured. This panel will discuss issues contractors face in screening and hiring employees, training and educating a bilingual work force in work place safety, and in managing injury claims by undocumented workers, whether yours or another contractor's employees.

##### MODERATOR

**Joe Carini**

*JOHNSON & BELL, LTD.*  
Chicago, Illinois

##### PANELISTS

**Jim Bennett**

*Director of Insurance and Risk*  
AUSTIN INDUSTRIES  
Dallas, Texas

**Deb Boyd**

*Senior Claims Manager*  
GRANITE CONSTRUCTION  
Tampa, Florida

### TRACK III:

#### Privity Exceptions for Claims Against Design Professionals Clarified

The legal landscape of the construction industry is becoming increasingly hazardous for design professionals. The traditional safeguards afforded design professionals can, however, still provide reasonable protection if carefully considered. A distinguished panel of experts will clarify the law that applies to a claim by a party against a design professional with whom the party has no privity. Although many states have relaxed the privity requirement and follow the Restatement (Second) of Torts § 552, there are still legal hurdles that apply to the non-privity party's claim against a design professional, hurdles that may vary depending on whether the case is brought in state or federal court.

##### MODERATOR

**E. Tyron Brown**

*HAWKINS PARNELL THACKSTON & YOUNG LLP*  
Atlanta, Georgia

##### PANELISTS

**Eileen Jenkins**

*National Manager, Major Claims & Construction Defect*  
TRISTAR INSURANCE GROUP  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Melanie Brown**

*Manager*  
MARKEL CORPORATION  
Chicago, Illinois

**Thomas Zawistowski**

*Assistant Vice President*  
IRONSHORE  
New York, New York

**Paul Goldenberg**

*LORANCE & THOMPSON*  
Houston, Texas





12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Session 3** ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

**TRACK I:**

### Public Private Partnerships: Can P3 Rebuild America's Infrastructure?

P3 may offer the best hope for funding the massive round of new infrastructure projects that many believe are necessary to repair and modernize America's crumbling infrastructure. The panel will describe the advantages offered by P3, the reasons P3 offers politicians an attractive way to undertake major construction projects without state and local governments incurring burdensome debt, recent legislative developments across the country, and the importance of having legislation in place to support successful P3 projects. Evolving views of best practices for a successful P3 Projects, the insight into the most appropriate contracts and effective ways to shift, share and ensure against risks.

**MODERATOR**

**David LeBas**  
NAMAN HOWELL SMITH & LEE  
Austin, Texas

**PANELISTS**

**Rodney Moss**  
Senior Vice President and  
Regional Managing Director  
AON RISK SOLUTIONS  
Dallas, Texas

**Cody Webb**  
General Counsel  
ZACHRY CONSTRUCTION  
San Antonio, Texas

**Sean Morley**  
FASKEN MARTINEAU  
Toronto, Canada

**TRACK II:**

### Take your gun to work? Open and Concealed Carry of Firearms in the Office and on the Jobsite

In the wake of recent shooting and terrorist incidents both at home and abroad, gun rights are at the forefront of political debate preceding the 2016 presidential and congressional elections. Congress and state legislatures are debating rights and restrictions related to the purchase, possession and carrying of firearms. National and State executive orders have been issued to limit the purchase, possession and carrying of firearms. Private property owners and lessees must decide whether they will permit their employees, customers and/or clients to bring guns onto the business premises. In the construction field, owners, contractors and subcontractors all must navigate state laws permitting concealed and/or open carry and also permitting private property owners and tenants to restrict carry on private property. The panel will discuss concealed and open carry laws and restrictions, as well as "bring your gun to work" laws. The panel will also address potential OSHA and civil liability exposure for accidental or intentional shootings.

**MODERATOR**

**Spencer Wiegard**  
GENTRY LOCKE  
Roanoke, Virginia

**PANELISTS**

**David Meyers**  
Assistant General Counsel  
GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY  
Brookfield, Wisconsin

**Doug Cole**  
Vice President and  
General Counsel  
ECS  
Chantilly, Virginia

**TRACK III:**

### The Buck Stops Where?: The New Deal for Additional Insured Endorsements And Risk Transfer In The 21st Century

At the same time the universe of potential claims has expanded (e.g., cybersecurity), legislatures, courts and insurance carriers have been delineating the risks that can and cannot be transferred. Over the past 10 years, the scope of indemnity obligations and covered claims has changed. A trend has developed of spreading the risk among more stakeholders, moving away from traditional risk shifting platforms. Risk management practices must be adapted accordingly.

**MODERATOR**

**Robert deRosset**  
YOUNG MOORE AND  
HENDERSON, PA  
Raleigh, North Carolina

**PANELISTS**

**Trevor Saccente**  
Senior Claims Attorney  
HCC SPECIALTY  
New York, New York

**Paul Graves**  
Counsel  
QBE NORTH AMERICA  
Madison, Wisconsin

**Ted Wickenhauser**  
Vice President,  
Risk Management  
MCCARTHY  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Elaine Moss**  
BROWN & JAMES  
St. Louis, Missouri

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**LUNCH**

Palos Verdes Terrace

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

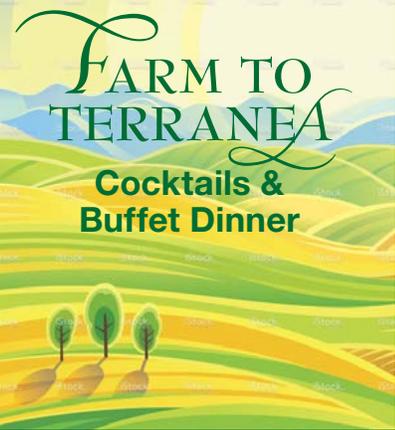
### Afternoon at the Pool

Resort Family Pool Cabanas

Enjoy the last session of the day at the reserved pool-side cabanas for ALFA International guests only. You will have the opportunity to meet other attendees, enjoy the beautiful Terranea pool deck, or simply rest with a beverage, snack or lounge chair.



6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.



Palos Verdes Meadows

Between the beaches and mountains, it's easy to forget that California is home to some of the richest farmland anywhere – and tonight guests will get to experience it firsthand! Enjoy cocktails and a buffet dinner while soaking up the sights, sounds and flavors of California.



**Friday, July 29, 2016**
**7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**
**NETWORKING  
BREAKFAST**
*Palos Verdes Terrace*
**9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
**PROGRAM SESSIONS**
*Palos Verdes 1-4*
**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Session 4** ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

**TRACK I:**
**Building Overseas:  
The Unique  
Challenges of  
International  
Construction**

Construction is an increasingly international business, and many contractors maintain offices and perform construct projects all over the world. The “normal” challenges of a construction project are magnified when the various project participants come from different countries. This panel will discuss the challenges of dealing with foreign governments and labor forces on a construction project, along with the complexities of international dispute resolution. Among other things, the panel will address some of the unique features of an international construction arbitration proceeding, including detailed statements of claim, limits on discovery, limits on witness preparation, direct testimony by sworn written statements, and cross-examination through a translator.

**MODERATOR**

**Jim Archibald**  
BRADLEY ARANT BOULT  
CUMMINGS LLP  
Birmingham, Alabama

**PANELISTS**

**David Bashford**  
*Associate General Counsel*  
FIRST SOLAR  
Tempe, Arizona

**Larry Borda**  
*Head of Claims (International)*  
BEAZLEY INSURANCE COMPANY  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**David Savage**  
CHARLES RUSSELL SPEECHLYS  
London, England

**TRACK II:**
**The Building  
Code and Beyond:  
Government’s Role  
in Construction  
and Construction  
Litigation**

From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam, municipal, state, and federal agencies play an active and significant role in the construction industry. This program will examine the role of government in your construction project from the impact of building codes and regulations, product and material approval, permitting, and inspection of work. This panel will also provide industry insight on how contractors, designers, and material suppliers establish working relationships with these governing bodies and explore legal exposure when contractors or designers run afoul of the Building Code or other governmental requirements.

**MODERATOR**

**Chris Mueller**  
TAYLOR DAY GRIMM & BOYD  
Jacksonville, Florida

**PANELISTS**

**John Waclawski**  
*Vice President & General Counsel*  
CARLISLE CONSTRUCTION  
MATERIALS  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania

**Mark Wilkey**  
*General Counsel*  
SME STEEL  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**Frank Aquino**  
*Vice President & General Counsel*  
EA ENGINEERING  
Hunt Valley, Maryland

**Denise Wachholz**  
RENAUD COOK MESAROS  
Phoenix, Arizona

**TRACK III:**
**High Times—  
Impact of Changing  
Marijuana Laws on  
the Workplace**

Dope smoke drifts from more than college dorm rooms now as states throughout the nation consider and enact laws allowing marijuana use for medical and/or recreational purposes. The expansion of legal marijuana use raises questions for construction employers. The panel brings years of construction and employment litigation experience from across the U.S. and will discuss how these new laws complicate workplace matters such as drug testing, safety programs, anti-discrimination laws, and compliance with contract requirements.

**MODERATOR**

**Eric Meier**  
WHYTE HIRSCHBOECK  
DUDEK S.C.  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**PANELISTS**

**John Thode**  
*Director of Quality Assurance  
& Development*  
HORIZON  
Madison, Wisconsin

**Anna Stern**  
*General Counsel*  
TRI NORTH BUILDERS  
Chicago, Illinois



10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **BREAK**

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Session 5** ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

**TRACK I:**

### **Contractors, Immigration and Politics: How the Shortage of Craft Labor Has Some Contractors Asking Politicians to Open the Borders**

This panel will discuss the availability of skilled labor on construction jobsites throughout the country, and then explore some of the challenges arising out of the shrinking size of that workforce. This panel will address some of the workforce issues involved when undocumented workers are brought onto the construction site. Then, this panel will discuss immigration legislation, both enacted and proposed, that currently apply to the construction workforce in America. Against that backdrop, the panel will discuss whether greater immigration is one possible solution to help assure a sufficiently deep and talented workforce to support the labor needs of the construction industry in coming years. Finally, the panel will debate specific measures currently under consideration, and address whether any of those proposals offer particular promise for the construction industry.

**MODERATOR**

**Rory Jurman**  
FOWLER WHITE BURNETT  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**PANELISTS**

**John Lanning**  
Senior Vice President  
NEW RIVER ELECTRICAL  
Roanoke, Virginia

**Felicia Watson**  
Senior Counsel  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF HOMEBUILDERS  
Washington, D.C.

**Sarah Lamar**  
HUNTER MACLEAN  
Savannah, Georgia

**TRACK II:**

### **Did You Say Three Million Documents? Best Practices for Managing (and Making Sense of) Truckloads of Information**

This session will address the efficient management of documents and information: (1) in the ordinary course of business; (2) at the pre-litigation/claim stage; and (3) once litigation has commenced. The panel will also address emerging trends in the management, discovery and use of ESI.

**MODERATOR**

**Jonathan Lieb**  
MCDOWELL KNIGHT  
Mobile, Alabama

**PANELISTS**

**Ron Peppe**  
VP, Legal & Human Resources  
CANAM STEEL CORPORATION  
Falls Church, Virginia

**Erik Sikorski**  
GL Claims Executive  
BUILDERS INSURANCE GROUP  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Andrew Burns**  
COSGRAVE LAW  
Portland, Oregon

**TRACK III:**

### **Coalition Forces: Joint Defense Agreements— Sword, Shield or Noose?**

Litigation, like politics, can make strange bedfellows. However, in cases involving multiple parties, the sharing of information, strategies and resources by defendants can be not only beneficial to the outcome of the litigation, but also economical. The panel will discuss how issues such as privilege, confidentiality, risk of discovery and intangible factors such as goodwill are weighed in the decision to enter into (or not enter into) a joint defense agreement.

**MODERATOR**

**Kathleen McCaffrey Baynes**  
CARTER CONBOY  
Albany, New York

**PANELISTS**

**Erin Austin**  
Vice President and General Counsel  
DAVID EVANS AND ASSOCIATES, INC  
Portland, Oregon

**Mark Van De Voorde**  
Chief Legal & Administrative Officer  
VICTUALIC COMPANY  
Easton, Pennsylvania

**Laura Guagliardo**  
Managing Claims Counsel  
TRAVELERS INSURANCE  
Chicago, Illinois

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**BREAK**

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## **ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?**

The National Football League has not played a game in Los Angeles since the Rams and Raiders left in 1995. Twenty-one years later, the NFL is returning to the country's second largest market. The next step: Constructing a new, state-of-the-art stadium. But what does that involve? And what risks do construction professionals face when building a \$2 billion sports and entertainment complex? With first-hand experience designing and constructing stadiums across the country, this panel will tackle these and other issues which must be considered when building a professional sports stadium in the 21st century.

**MODERATOR**

**Michael Gibson**  
HIGGS FLETCHER & MACK  
San Diego, California

**PANELISTS**

**James T. Butts**  
Mayor  
Inglewood, California

**R. Craig Williams**  
General Counsel  
HKS  
Dallas, Texas

**Aren Fairchild**  
Vice President, Legal  
AECOM  
Chicago, Illinois

12:30 p.m.

### **Concluding Remarks**

**Grace Garcia**

Construction Practice Group  
Program Co-Chair  
MORRISON MAHONEY LLP  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Brett Marston**

Construction Practice Group  
Program Co-Chair  
GENTRY LOCKE  
Roanoke, Virginia



12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**LUNCH**

*Palos Verdes Terrace*

1:30 p.m.

## *Friday Afternoon & Evening Recreational Options*

*Please see brochure insert.*

# ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 2016 CONSTRUCTION BIOS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**CRAIG ALLEN** from the ALFA International firm, Leitner Williams Dooley & Napolitan, PLLC, is an experienced trial attorney having tried approximately 135 jury trials in 35 years. His practice emphasizes the defense of civil litigation with concentration in construction, premises liability, products liability and railroad litigation. He represents one of the largest homebuilders throughout the states of Georgia and Tennessee, has represented numerous other residential and commercial contractors and engineering firms, represents a major railroad company, and the world's largest fast food company.

**FRANK J. AQUINO** currently serves as Vice President and General Counsel at EA Engineering, where he is responsible for the overall provision of legal services as required for the operation of a privately held environmental engineering and professional consulting services company. He has been with EA Engineering for over 18 years. He also has experience in the public sector where he served on the Howard County, Maryland Board of Education. He received his Juris Doctor, Cum Laude from University of Baltimore School of Law.

**JAMES F. ARCHIBALD, III** is a partner in the Birmingham, Alabama office of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLC, where his primary area of practice is construction litigation. A summa cum laude graduate of Emory University, he received his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was a member of the Law Review and received the Order of the Coif. He has been the Practice Group leader of the Firm's Construction and Procurement Law Practice Group since 2008. He has been recognized repeatedly

by Alabama Super Lawyers and the Best Lawyers in America for Construction Litigation, and he was recently named the 2014 "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers for Construction Litigation in Birmingham, Alabama. He frequently lectures on various aspects of construction and procurement law, including as an adjunct professor at the University of Alabama School of Law.

**ERIN F. AUSTIN** is Vice President and General Counsel at David Evans and Associates, Inc. (DEA), in Portland, Oregon. DEA is an infrastructure planning and design firm in the transportation, water resources, land development, and energy businesses along with land and hydrographic survey specialties. DEA has approximately twenty five offices throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, Arizona, Colorado, and New York with more than 700 employees. Ms. Austin has been an attorney with DEA since 1997, addressing corporate legal and risk management issues for the company. She focuses her time on contracts, claims management, compliance, corporate governance, insurance procurement, and routinely provides training in risk management, contracts and ethics. Ms. Austin is a past chair and current member of the American Council of Engineering Companies' (ACEC) Legal Counsel's Forum, a member of the ACEC's Risk Management Committee, and ACEC Oregon's Legislative Committee. Ms. Austin holds both undergraduate and Masters degrees in Psychology, and she attended law school at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon.

**GARY A. BAGUE** is a partner at Haight, Brown & Bonesteel LLP in Los Angeles, joining the firm after graduating from U.C. Hastings College of Law in 1980. He has served as chair of the firm's Risk Management and Insurance Law Department. Currently, Mr. Bague devotes a large part of his practice to advising and representing insurance carriers, brokers, agents and contractors with regard to coverage and liability issues in construction litigation. Mr. Bague has served as a panelist for California's Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB) on insurance coverage topics, is a contributing author for the book, Causes of Action, Insurance Chapter, by James Publishing, and has served as co-editor of ALFA International's Insurance Law Compendium. He is a member of the ABA and DRI and currently serves on ALFA International's Board of Directors.

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