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Rob Leslie has over 40 years of experience in construction law and has been involved in all aspects of construction, particularly in avoiding and resolving issues and disputes. His practice focuses on construction and government contract law, primarily heavy, highway, engineering and underground construction, public and private, including highways, concrete and steel bridges, water and wastewater treatment plants, earth and rock fill dams, shafts, tunnels, railways, airfields, schools, public buildings, and pipelines. Mr. Leslie has extensive experience in contract interpretation and performance, differing site conditions, geotechnical matters, changes, delay, and scheduling.

Mr. Leslie has extensive trial, arbitration and mediation as an advocate in construction cases, and has served as an arbitrator, mediator and DRB member in numerous construction cases.

Work history

From 2012 to present, Mr. Leslie has been the partner in charge of the Oakland office of the construction law firm Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker.

From 1980 to 2012, Mr. Leslie was a partner in the construction law firm of McInerney & Dillon in Oakland, California.

From 1977 to 1980, Mr. Leslie, as an officer in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, was a senior and supervising trial attorney for the Army in Washington, D.C. in government contract litigation before the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals (ASBCA).

From 1974 to 1977 Mr. Leslie, as an officer in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, represented the Army in construction and procurement litigation before the ASBCA on the west coast and in Japan and Korea, and represented the Army in Federal Court in conjunction with the Department of Justice.

From 1969 to 1970 Mr. Leslie was an Infantry officer with the 82d Airborne Division in North Carolina, and from 1970-1971 he was an Infantry officer with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam.

Mr. Leslie is a Colonel, JAGC (Ret.), U.S. Army Reserve. His assignment in the reserves was the Army's Litigation Division, Washington, DC.

Professional

Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association, since 1984
Arbitrator, California Public Works Contract Arbitration Committee, since 1990
The Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, since 1998
Member of the Bars of California, the District of Columbia and Federal courts
American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry and Public Contract Law Section
American Society of Civil Engineers

Education

J.D., Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, California, 1974
B.S., U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, 1969

Teaching and speaking engagements

American Arbitration Association, faculty, 1985-1993
Stanford University Construction Management Program - Guest Lecturer
CLE International, Construction Claims on Public Works Projects, San Francisco, CA, 2007
CLE International, Construction Claims, San Francisco, CA, 2009
CLE International, Construction Law, San Francisco, CA, 2010

Other

Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent rating for over 30 years
Selected as a "Super Lawyer" for Northern California since 2004
Who's Who Legal - California since 2009
Marquis Who's Who in American Law
The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers - Construction
Engineer-in-Training Certificates from Pennsylvania and California

DRB certifications

DRBF Dispute Review Board Administration and Practice, Seattle, WA, 1998
DRBF Dispute Review Board Chairing, San Francisco, CA, 2004
Caltrans-DRBF Regional Conference, West Sacramento, CA, 2014
NDOT-DRBF Dispute Review Team Training, Reno, NV 2016

DRB participation

Project: Ellis Avenue Trunk Sewer Project, Fountain Valley, CA 2008-2009
Owner: Orange County Sanitation District
Contractor: Barnard Construction Co., Inc./Soletanche, Inc., Joint Venture
Nominated as chairman by other DRB members and the parties