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A partner with Burke, Williams & Sorensen LLP, David Darroch practices in the area of construction disputes, [litigation](#) and alternative dispute resolution. For the past 20 years, David has focused his practice primarily in the specialized field of [construction law](#), construction litigation and construction-related issues. He represents public and private entities in the area of power engineering, infrastructure, transportation, wastewater, and industrial process engineering. David has extensive expertise counseling owners, construction firms, designers, contractors, subcontractors and suppliers regarding construction change management and project disputes. He has experience assisting clients with dispute resolution boards, mediations, and other informal dispute resolution methods and has extensive experience in prosecuting and defending claims and trying cases to verdict, including jury trials, court trials, arbitrations and appeals in construction matters large and small.

David is admitted to practice in the State and Federal courts of California, and has been admitted *pro hac vice* in various other jurisdictions in the United States.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Counsel for public owner in wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation, replacement and upgrade disputes among several stakeholders, and co-lead on months-long bench trial.
- Counsel for public owner in micro tunneling dispute and claims of differing site conditions.
- Counsel for public owner on a civil construction dispute and co-lead on California Office of Administrative Hearings / JAMS arbitration, including more than two months of hearings.
- Counsel for private contractor on public-private partnership (P3) civil construction matter and assistant trial counsel for months-long JAMS arbitration defending substantial claims.

PRACTICES

Construction Law

Litigation

Public Law

EDUCATION

J.D., with honors, San Francisco Law School, 1996

B.A., Mount Allison University, Canada, 1988

ADMISSION

State Bar of California

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

United States District Court for the Eastern District of California

United States District Court for the Northern District of California

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of California

AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

Alameda County Bar Association

Bar Association of San Francisco

- Counsel for private contractor on dispute arising from brownfield construction of a new power generation and gas processing facility, and assistant trial counsel for AAA arbitration, spanning several months of hearings.
- Counsel for public health care district through mediation on construction dispute arising from new hospital construction.
- Co-Counsel and advisor for private engineering firm on defense of Federal Mine Safety Health Administration violations and State of California Occupational Safety and Health Administration citations arising out of mining operations in California.