

PRACTICES

Construction Law
Litigation

EDUCATION

J.D., University of California,
Hastings College of the Law,
1994

B.A., cum laude, Pomona
College, 1990

ADMISSION

State Bar of California
United States Court of Appeals
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Joel Halverson is a trial lawyer and transactional counselor adept at resolving clients' legal problems and guarding them against losses. He focuses his practice in the areas of professional liability, construction, and real property.

Joel is an experienced trial lawyer and transactional counselor committed to servicing the design, construction, real estate, and insurance communities. His practice for over 30 years has primarily focused on the representation of design and construction professionals, which followed years of experience working in the trades and family electrical contracting businesses.

In the construction and design arenas, Joel represents design professionals, contractors, owners and contractors in claims as well as transactional and risk-management counseling, helping clients avoid disputes and limit exposure through strategic planning. He serves as outside general counsel to many firms and has successfully represented design and construction clients in jury and bench trials in state and federal courts, arbitration, mediation and other dispute resolution procedures.

Joel is a published author in the design and construction fields and a frequent presenter and lecturer on legal topics and has made appearances as a legal analyst on KRON4 News, San Francisco. He has been named among the "Best Lawyers in the Bay Area" for construction litigation based on a survey conducted by Bay Area Lawyer Magazine.

Joel is active in a number of professional organizations, including the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) and the Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California (ADC).

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Successfully resolved via trial/settlement over \$50 million of claims for environmental contamination at the San Francisco Design Center.

- Successfully resolved via trial/settlement over \$500 million of claims for the prime design professional responsible for the entire tower of design consultants for the \$2.2 billion Transbay Transit Center Project in San Francisco, one of California's largest construction projects.
- Won unanimous defense jury verdict in legal malpractice trial, Fresno County Superior Court.
- Won unanimous defense jury verdict in medical malpractice trial, Alameda County Superior Court.
- Won defense court judgment in products liability trial involving LDPE piping, Riverside County Superior Court.
- Won defense court judgment in professional negligence trial for land surveyor, Sonoma County Superior Court.
- Won defense court judgment in products liability trial, Los Angeles County Superior Court.
- Won defense judgment for law firm in professional negligence action, Contra Costa County Superior Court.
- Won defense judgment for engineer in professional negligence action involving LNG plant, San Diego County Superior Court.
- Won defense award in professional negligence arbitration for engineer.
- Won contract judgment at trial for engineer, Contra Costa County Superior Court.
- Won defense judgment for mechanical contractor in SB 800 action, Alameda County Superior Court.
- Won defense judgment for architect in wrongful death / mold case, Sacramento County Superior Court.
- Won defense judgment for insurer in coverage litigation, federal court.
- Won favorable settlement in elder abuse case.
- Won favorable settlement in high profile action against MLB team.
- Won favorable settlements in geotechnical cases.
- Successfully negotiated over \$100 million in design/construction agreements, including Design/Build, IPD, etc.