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Curriculum Vitae

Arbitrator, Mediator, Dispute Board Member, Standing Neutral, Dispute Prevention Specialist, Author

Education:

- South Kent School, South Kent, Connecticut, Graduated 1944
- Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, B.A. cum laude, 1949
- University of Virginia Law School, LL.B., 1954 Virginia Law Review, 1952-54; Articles Editor, 1953-54

Professional Activities:

- Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan, 1954-2001:
 - Construction Practice Group Leader
 - Dispute Prevention and Resolution Group Leader
 - Education Group Leader
- Dispute Avoidance and Resolution Task Force (DART):
 - Co-founder and Chair, 1990-1994 Chair Emeritus
- International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR):
 - Co-Chair, Construction Prevention and Resolution Committee, 1990-1992
 - Principal author: "Preventing and Resolving Construction Disputes" 1991
 - Chair, Dispute Prevention Exploratory Committee 2007-2009
 - Editor, CPR Construction Dispute Prevention Monographs 2008-2010
 - Author, Monograph on "Realistic Risk Allocation"
 - Member, Panel of Distinguished Neutrals for Construction Disputes
 - Member, Advisory Committee on ADR Policy Statement for Law Firms
 - Member, Advisory Committee on Arbitration of Major Disputes
 - Member, Advisory Committee on Arbitration of Construction Disputes
 - Member, Drafting Committee for Rules for Non-Administered Arbitration, 1988-1989
- American Arbitration Association:

Member, National Board of Directors, 1990-2002
Member, National Construction Dispute Resolution Committee
Member, Commercial, Large Complex Case Panel
Member, Construction Industry Arbitration and Mediation Panels
Member, International Arbitration Panel

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators: Fellow
- College of Commercial Arbitrators: Fellow
- National Academy of Construction General Counsel, 1994-2018
Organizer, 2004 National Academy of Sciences program: "Reducing Construction Costs"
Co-author, numerous "Safety White Papers"
- American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry:
Speaker and organizer of annual meeting programs and seminars
Author of Construction Lawyer articles on dispute resolution
- American Bar Association Section of Litigation:
Construction Litigation Committee
- American Bar Association Section of Public Contracts:
Annual meeting speaker
- American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section:
Chair, Construction Committee 2003-2005, and annual meeting speaker
- Georgia Arbitrators' Forum: President, 2011
- Atlanta Bar Association:
Founder, Construction Law Section
- American College of Construction Lawyers:
Charter Fellow, 1989
Member, Board of Governors, 1993-2002
President, 2000-2001
- Construction Industry Institute:
Speaker, Annual Conferences, 1991, 1994, 1998, 2003, 2005
Member, CII Dispute Prevention and Resolution Research Team, 1991-1994

Awards and Distinctions:

- Whitney North Seymour, Sr. Arbitration Medal, American Arbitration Association, 1983 (for "outstanding contributions to the responsible use of arbitration")
- Honorary Membership in the American Institute of Architects, 1985 (for service "as a true problem solver for the entire construction industry")
- Engineering News-Record Medal of Excellence, 1992 (for "assuming a leadership role in the fight to reduce construction litigation")
- Center for Public Resources Awards for Innovation in Dispute Resolution: Significant Practical Achievement, 1988 (co-recipient with participants in First Texas PULSE arbitration)
- Outstanding Practical Achievement, 1994 (co-recipient with members of CII Dispute Prevention and Resolution Research Team)

Elected to National Academy of Construction, 2002 (for "Leadership in developing Alternate Dispute Resolution Techniques for the Construction Industry")

Lifetime Achievement Award, Construction Lawyers Society of America, 2019

Community Activities and Public Service:

- U.S. Marine Corps, 1946-1948, 1950-1952 (Captain)
- Institute for International Education, Chair, Atlanta Advisory Board, 1965-1970
- Atlanta Council for International Visitors, Director, 1968-1979
- Trustee, South Kent School, 1973-1977
- Northwest Georgia Girl Scouts Council, Director and Treasurer, 1973-1979
- Trustee, National Association of Women in Construction Education Foundation, 1993-1996
- Advisory Board, The Foundation for Prevention and Early Resolution of Conflict (PERC), 1994-1999

Court Admissions:

- District of Columbia, 1954
- State of Georgia, 1955
- U.S. Courts of Appeal (District of Columbia, 5th and 11th Circuits)
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1964

Articles and Publications:

- Author of over 200 papers on construction, dispute prevention and resolution, and job safety, for professional publications, textbooks and conferences.

Lectures, Seminars and Panel Discussions:

- American Arbitration Association
- ABA Forum on the Construction Industry
- ABA Sections on Dispute Resolution, Litigation, Dispute Resolution and Public Contracts
- American Association of Cost Engineers
- American Institute of Architects
- American Society of Civil Engineers
- American Subcontractors Association
- Associated General Contractors
- Business Roundtable
- Center for Public Resources
- CONEXPO 1999
- Construction Business Review
- Construction Industry Institute
- Construction Lawyers Society of America
- Construction Specifications Institute
- Construction Superconferences
- Defense Research Institute
- Engineering News-Record
- Engineering and/or Architecture Schools of Clemson University, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Colorado, University of Kentucky, University of Texas and Virginia Polytechnic Institute
- Federal Bar Association
- General Services Administration
- Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education
- International Association for Contract and Commercial Management
- International Society of Construction Law
- Iraq Oil Ministry
- Law Schools of Emory University, Georgia State University, Mercer University and University of Kentucky
- Lexis/Nexis Beijing, China
- National Academy of Construction
- Project Management Institute
- Texas Institute of Continuing Legal Education
- Turku University of Applied Sciences (Finland)

Listed in:

"Who's Who in America," "Who's Who in the World," "Who's Who in American Law," "Best Lawyers in America," "Who's Who Legal," "Lawdragon 500 Leading Judges in America," and "Georgia Superlawyers."

Construction Project Experience:

Jim has served as counselor, advocate or dispute resolution neutral for hundreds of construction and oil and gas projects with values up to \$10 billion, located throughout the United States and in Canada, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Malaysia. Among these projects have been airports, combined cycle and nuclear power plants, a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility, an LNG manufacturing plant, an oil and gas pipeline, highways and mass transit facilities, prisons, port and marine facilities, office buildings, shopping malls, hotels, sports stadiums, paper mills, cement plants and other manufacturing plants, industrial "clean room" facilities, libraries, university buildings, public and private schools, and hospitals and other medical facilities.