

Robert F. Babcock, Esq.

Salt Lake City, Utah



Current Employer-Title

Babcock Scott & Babcock - Shareholder- President

Profession

Civil Engineer; Attorney - Construction Project Disputes and Claims Resolution

Work History

Shareholder, Babcock Scott & Babcock (formerly Walstad & Babcock P.C.), 1984-present; Partner, Walstad, Kasimer, Tansey & Ittig, 1982-84; Attorney, McMurray, McIntosh, Butler & Nielson, 1979-82.

Experience

A Martindale-Hubbell A-V rated attorney with over 40 years of experience representing parties exclusively from the construction industry including owners, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, design professionals, sureties, and insurance companies. Experience in both public and private projects ranging in value to over \$100 million, including high-rise, shopping centers, industrial and manufacturing plants, natural gas pipelines, underground utilities, schools, power plants, resort condominiums, apartment complexes, hotels, highways, dams and large excavations, courthouses, and government installations. Disputes involve interpretation of plans and specifications, bidding issues, construction and design defect matters, change orders, differing site conditions, termination, delay, disruption, acceleration and payment, and performance bond claims. Recipient of the following awards: Outstanding Service to the Utah Construction Industry Award, Associated Builders and Contractors, Utah Chapter, 1994; Service to the Industry Award, Associated General Contractors, Utah Chapter, 1989.

Mediator Experience

Mediated numerous construction industry disputes in commercial, industrial and residential projects.

Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator Mediated numerous disputes in the construction industry including change orders, differing site conditions, design errors, delay damages, acceleration claims, defective work claims, payment disputes, scope of work issues, contract interpretation issues, termination issues, payment and performance bond issues, and bidding mistakes and scope of bid issues.

Preferences

Mediator Style & Process My philosophy is to help the parties in their risk analysis of their position in the dispute. As a mediator I see my role as a sounding board and a reality to check to the parties in providing, if requested, another opinion about the strengths and weaknesses of their case. I am much more of an evaluative mediator rather than a facilitative mediator. I expect the parties to have made a reasonable evaluation of their case prior to coming to the mediation. The biggest stumbling block to a successful mediation is a lack of understanding of the facts so that the parties can work toward a

resolution. When parties see the facts totally differently, the mediation process is much more length and may need to be adjourned and reconvened after the parties have spent some more time understanding the facts.

Education Brigham Young University (BS, Civil Engineering, magna cum laude-1976; JD, cum laude-1979)

Professional Licenses Admitted to the Bar: Utah (1979); U.S. District Court, District of Utah (1979); U.S. Court of

Appeals: Ninth (1979), Tenth (1979), and Federal (1994) Circuits; U.S. Court of Federal Claims

(1979).

Professional Associations Associated General Contractors (Utah Chapter, Legal Advisory Committee; Legislative Committee);

Associated Builders and Contractors (Utah Chapter, Past Chapter Counsel; Legislative Committee); Surety Association of Utah; Construction Financial Managers Association (Board of Directors); American Society of Civil Engineers (Utah Chapter); National Society of Professional Engineers (Utah Chapter); American Bar Association (Forum Committee on Construction Industry; Public Contracts Section, Past Chair); Utah State Bar Association (Construction Law Section, Past Chair).

Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements

Co-author, HANDBOOK OF CONSTRUCTION LAW AND CLAIMS, 1999; co-author, UTAH CONSTRUCTION LAW, Federal Publications, 1991; co-author, CONSTRUCTION LAW AND CLAIMS FOR UTAH CONTRACTORS, 1988; co-author, PROTECTING YOUR MONEY, EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT UTAH'S MECHANIC'S LIEN LAWS, 2nd ed.,

1988, 3rd ed., 2003.

Mediation Rate \$350 Per Hour

Languages English

Citizenship United States of America

Locale Salt Lake City, UT

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