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### SHAILENDRA (SHAY) KULKARNI

Shailendra "Shay" Kulkarni, a member of the Construction and Litigation practice groups, is a skilled litigator and noted speaker who utilizes his comprehensive construction law expertise to assist contractors, real estate developers, and other business entities in dispute resolution. He focuses on construction and real estate litigation, insurance coverage litigation and analysis, and complex civil litigation, including surety litigation and construction-industry contracts.

Shay is the former Chair of the Construction Law Practice Area Committee of the California Lawyers Association and the former two-time Chairman of the Construction Law Section of the San Diego County Bar Association. He currently also serves as the Chair of Division 5 (General Contractors) of the ABA Forum on Construction Law, and as a fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America. Shay also proudly serves the San Diego community as an Advisory Board Member and Mentoring Program Co-chair for the Crawford Academy of Law program, and as a member of the Build and Serve Committee of the San Diego Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America.

Prior to moving to San Diego, Shay also practiced in New Orleans, Louisiana, focusing on construction, surety, and real estate litigation. His deep knowledge and broad experience as a trusted advisor make him a key resource for clients in the construction, real estate, and general business sectors.

### EDUCATION

- J.D., Tulane University Law School
- B.A., University of California, Berkeley

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Business Litigation
- Construction Law
- Natural Resources
- Real Estate

- Advanced Energy

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating by Martindale-Hubbell
- Best Lawyers in America®, Litigation – Real Estate
- Stand-Out Lawyer, Thomson Reuters, 2024
- Top Lawyer – Construction Law by San Diego Magazine, 2019-2023, 2025
- Rising Star by Super Lawyers, Construction Litigation
- Rising Star by Super Lawyers, Business Litigation
- Rising Star by Super Lawyers, Real Estate
- Rising Star by Super Lawyers, Surety Law
- Super Lawyer, Construction Litigation
- "Top 40 Under 40" by San Diego Daily Transcript
- SD Metro Magazine's "Top 40 Under 40"
- Finalist, San Diego Business Journal's "Next Top Business Leaders Under 40"

## ARTICLES AND PRESENTATION

- Presenter, "Scheduling Impact Claims, Common Legal Issues and Practical Considerations for Asserting and Proving Delay, Disruption, and Acceleration Claims," Associated General Contractors (AGC) San Diego, September 21, 2023
- Presenter, "Construction Law Update" Associated General Contractors (AGC) San Diego, July 27, 2023
- Presenter, "Construction Law Update" Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA)'s San Diego Chapter, June 22, 2023
- Moderator, 2023 Annual Meeting, ABA Forum on Construction Law, April 14, 2023
- Presenter, "Scheduling Impact Claims, Common Legal Issues and Practical Considerations for Asserting and Proving Delay, Disruption, and Acceleration Claims," Associated General Contractors (AGC) San Diego, March 16, 2023

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Member, State Bar of California
- Member, Louisiana State Bar Association
- Member, San Diego County Bar Association
- Member, ABA Forum on Construction Law
- Member, Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- Advisory Board Member and Mentoring Program Co-Chair, Crawford Academy of Law Program
- Associate Member, San Diego/Tijuana Chapter of the Urban Land Institute
- Member, Pearlman Institute

- Member, National Bond Claims Association

## **ADMISSIONS**

- California
- Louisiana