



Brian Guthrie

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“I believe excellent legal counsel always begins with actively listening to clients. Armed with a deep understanding of their unique business challenges and goals, I roll up my sleeves and work collaboratively with the client to implement creative legal strategies that efficiently achieve meaningful results.”

Brian Guthrie’s practice focuses on construction law and he represents general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and owners on complex public and private construction projects throughout the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

Brian has substantial experience drafting and negotiating agreements on the front end of construction projects, advising clients on public bidding issues and disputes, and managing claims during the course of construction, including delay and impact, differing site conditions, and supply chain disruption. He also has significant experience litigating and arbitrating complex multi-million dollar construction disputes post-construction. Additionally, Brian has a considerable experience representing government contractors on federal projects for a diverse range of federal agencies, including FAR compliance issues, Section 8(a) compliance issues, bidding disputes, Miller Act litigation, and Contract Disputes Act litigation.

Since 2008, Brian has helped clients successfully navigate the significant risks and challenges associated with building highways, bridges, tunnels, high-rise office buildings, mixed-use apartments, hospitals, condominiums, custom homes, airports, hotels, and U.S. Army and Navy facilities. As a result, he has established a reputation as an experienced and innovative construction lawyer who is passionate about finding practical solutions to solving complicated construction risk problems.

Professional Activities

- Construction Financial Management Association, Puget Sound Chapter, Board Member
- Washington State Bar Association, Construction Law Section Executive Committee
- Associated General Contractors of America, Washington Chapter, Member

Education

J.D., University of Washington School of Law, 2008

B.A., University of Washington, 2005

Bar Admissions

Washington, 2008

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington

Presentations

- “Maximizing Insurance Coverage for Delay Claims,” Associated General Contractors of Washington, Seattle District Member Breakfast (Jan. 2025)
- “Managing Insurance Coverage for Delay Claims,” The Seminar Group, Construction Project Scheduling & Delay Claims CLE (May 2024)
- “Navigating the Lien Process,” Propel Webinar, copresenter (Feb. 2024)
- “Retainage, Back Charges, and Withholdings—Law and Best Practices in Oregon & Washington,” Miller Nash, Construction Webinar Series (Oct. 2023)
- “Supply Chain Issues,” The Seminar Group, Construction Defect Litigation Seminar (Dec. 2022)

Personal Activities

Brian enjoys spending time with his beautiful wife and three adorable kids, golfing, running, hiking, kayaking, camping, gardening, doing yoga, and sampling tasty beers at local craft breweries.