

Practice Areas

- Construction Law

Industry Sectors

- Real Estate & Construction

Education

- University of California, Hastings, J.D., *cum laude*, 2011
- University of California, San Diego, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2007

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Central District of California
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of California

Awards & Honors

- *Law360*, Rising Star award (2021)

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Luke concentrates his practice on complex construction and commercial disputes, representing clients in both litigation and arbitration. His clients include domestic and international companies, private owners, developers, contractors, subcontractors, distributors, and suppliers, often facing high-profile, multi-million dollar claims. Luke has substantial experience handling and evaluating complicated construction claims, including mechanics liens, stop payment notices, and payment bond claims. He also provides contract drafting, contract review, contract administration, and strategic advice to help his clients navigate and prevent disputes and minimize legal risks before they reach the dispute resolution stage.

With a background working in the construction industry in Southern California, Luke offers a unique perspective and deep understanding of his clients needs. Prior to joining Cozen O'Connor, he was a partner in the construction and commercial litigation groups in the Los Angeles office of another Am Law 100 firm.

Luke is also a published author and sought-after speaker on California construction and collection remedies. He earned his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of California, San Diego, and his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of California, San Francisco College of Law (formerly U.C. Hastings), where he was a member of the *Hastings Business Law Journal*.

Experience

Represented two of the world's largest global construction design/consulting firms to defeat a \$100 million breach of contract claim. Achieved a unanimous award of nearly \$5 million for the clients from an unpaid contract dispute involving a joint venture construction company in a jury trial lasting three months.

Represented a joint venture partner against its other joint venture partner in a business dispute over the allocation of profits and losses between the parties. Achieved a \$8.3 million judgment, which encompassed almost all of the client's claims including interest, after a two-week arbitration.

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