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Ben focuses his practice on construction law and government contracts. He represents a diverse range of clients, including project owners, design builders, construction managers, general contractors, subcontractors and suppliers, IT and defense contractors, as well as insurers, and sureties. Ben advises his clients and litigates their disputes involving procurement challenges, contract negotiation and interpretation, requests for equitable adjustment, delays and disruptions, performance and design defects, terminations for default, past performance, compliance, mechanic's liens, and payment and performance bond claims for large, complex infrastructure and construction projects, and public procurements.

Before he became a practicing litigator and attorney, Ben studied architecture and then served as a construction project manager for a decade, specializing in performance building envelope systems for both public and private projects, both domestic and international. His insight and subject matter expertise are unique in the construction law and government contracting practice areas. As a counselor and trial attorney, Ben leverages his experience as an estimator, project engineer, safety officer, quality control/assurance representative, project manager, and even as a litigation fact witness to successfully serve his clients' needs and mitigate their risk.

Ben is ranked in the 2024, 2023, and 2022 editions of Chambers USA for construction. He was also recognized as a Washington, D.C. "Rising Star" for 2017-2024 in the areas of Government Contracts by *Super Lawyers* magazine. He was recognized in 2021, and 2023-2025 as one of the "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" for Construction Law and Construction Litigation by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Ben earned his bachelor's degree from Middlebury College in art and architecture. Ben earned his law degree, *cum laude*, from The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law.

Experience

Defended an agency award decision by acting as intervenor's counsel in a bid protest before the United States Government Accountability Office to support the United States Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District's ("USACE") award of a $37 million contract to our client for certain dam maintenance and support efforts at the USACE's Ohio River Olmstead Locks and Dam in Olmstead, Ill.

Practice Areas
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Government Contracts

Education
- Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2015
- Middlebury College, B.A., 2002

Bar Admissions
- District of Columbia
- Virginia

Court Admissions
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court -- Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court -- Western District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court -- District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court -- Colorado
- U.S. District Court -- Maryland
- U.S. District Court -- Middle District of Pennsylvania

Affiliations
- American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry, Member
- American Bar Association, Section of Public Contract Law, Member
- D.C. Bar Communities, Government Contracts and Litigation, Member
- Virginia State Bar Association, Construction Law and Public Contracts Section, Member
- National Trust for Historic Preservation, Member
- DC Preservation League, Trustee
- U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), LEED Accredited Professional (AP)

Awards & Honors
- Washington, D.C. "Rising Star" Government Contracts, Super Lawyers, 2017-2024
- "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" for Construction Law and Construction Litigation, The Best Lawyers in America, 2021, 2023-2025
- Chambers and Partners USA, 2022-2024
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2023

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