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Current Employer-Title

Rusk Renovations Inc. - President
Constructive Decisions, Inc. - President
Columbia University - Adjunct Professor in Construction Management

Profession

Construction Professional - Construction Company Owner, General Contractor, Advisor to Subcontractors, Construction Consultant; Author - Construction Issues; Arbitrator, Mediator

Work History

President, Rusk Renovations Inc., 1985-Present; Adjunct Professor in Construction Administration, Columbia University, 2007-Present.

Experience

Construction professional with over 30 year's experience as a contractor, owner's representative and construction manager. An expert in the day to day realities of construction projects with a willingness and depth of dispute resolution experience to work with attorneys to intelligently streamline the process specifically for each case. Experience with high-end residential apartments, both traditional and modern; historic properties; dialysis facilities; high-end retail establishments; medical facilities; brownstones, wood houses, and "country houses"; fire and flood damage; imaging centers with MRI, cat scan, and x-ray; and commercial properties. Specific subject knowledge of demolition, foundation, shoring and structural steel and timber, concrete work, masonry, roofing, framing, gypsum wall board, plastering, decorative plaster, molding, custom cabinetry, stock cabinetry, kitchens, baths, drop ceilings, lighting, plumbing, electrical, stone and tile work, custom furniture, upholstery, glass work, stainless steel work, lighting fixtures and other design elements, air filtration, water filtration, circadian lighting, Wellness. Winner of the Lucy G. Moses award from the New York Landmarks Conservancy for Outstanding Contributions Made in the Field of Architectural and Historic Preservation. Proficient in use of Zoom for virtual hearings.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience

Involved in over 135 Construction Arbitrations and 80 construction mediations. Arbitrator for American Arbitration Association since 1993. Mediator since 1993. Specific dispute resolution experience as sole arbitrator, chairman of the panel and panel member with pay request, time, change order, project accounting, contract, workmanship, interior design, and decorating disputes. Other disputes include those among owners, general contractors, designers, subcontractors, and architects. Cases range from less than \$20,000 to over \$10 million. AAA Faculty, ACE004 - Practical Tips for Dealing with Delay Tactics of Parties and Advocates, 2005. Certified Mediator, International Mediation Institute.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Training

2021 AAA-ICDR Panel Conference; ACE21 Impartiality: Do You Know Where Your Biases Are? 2021; ACE20 Cyber Security: A Shared Responsibility, 2020;

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AAA/ICDR/AAA Mediation.org Panel Conference, 2019; Arbitrator Performance and Demeanor ~ Meeting Participant Expectations, 2018; AAA Construction Conference: Navigating the Unique Aspects of Construction Arbitration, 2017; AAA-ICDR Council and Columbia Law School Conference: The Future of Arbitration, 2017; AAA 2016 Construction Conference: Ahead of Schedule and Under Budget, 2016; AAA/ICDR/Mediation.org Panel Conference, 2016; AAA 'Controlling Chaos in Mediation Navigating the Behavioral Paradigm' 2014; Faculty, AAA Construction Professionals Guide to Conducting an AAA Arbitration, 2013, 2012; AAA Construction Conference: Cutting Construction Arbitration Costs Without Compromise, 2012; Faculty, AAA Construction Arbitration: A Blueprint for an Effective Process, 2011; Faculty, AAA Spring Construction Conference, Mediation: It's Not New, So What's Next?, 2011; AAA Fall Construction Conference: Planning Resolution Strategies, 2010; AAA, Advanced Mediator Training, 2010; ICDR 8th Annual Miami International Arbitration Conference: Resolving International Construction Disputes, 2010; AAA Webinar, Judicial Remands of Challenged Awards: What Happens When the Decision Isn't Final, 2009; AAA/ICDR Neutrals Conference, 2009; AAA Webinar, Ensuring That Your Clients' Interests are Addressed in Mediation, 2008; ACR, Advanced Commercial Mediation Institute, 2007; AAA Construction Mediation Conference: What You Can't Not Know, 2007; ICDR The Common Law/Civil Law Gap: The Issues and How International Arbitrators May Resolve Them, 2006; Attended AAA Neutrals Conference, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003; AAA Chairing an Arbitration Panel: Managing Procedures, Process & Dynamics ACE01, 2005; AAA Arbitration Awards: Safeguarding, Deciding & Writing Awards ACE01, 2004; Center for Dispute Resolution, The Mediation Process, 2004; AAA Pro Se: Managing Cases Involving Self-Represented Parties ACE02, 2003; Attended Partnering Facilitation Workshop, 2003; AAA Arbitration Awards: Safeguarding, Deciding & Writing Awards ACE01, 2003; AAA Arbitrator Update 2003, 2001; AAA Construction Arbitrator II Training: Advanced Case Management Issues, 2001; AAA Construction Arbitrator Training, 1996; Harvard Law School, Program on Negotiation through Radcliffe Seminars 1992.

Professional Licenses

Home Improvement Contractor, New York City, 1990-Present.

Professional Associations

Association for Conflict Resolution; Painting and Decorative Contractors of America; Better Business Bureau; Remodeler's Advantage; Conseil International du Batiment pour la Recherche (L'Etude et al Documentation); International Mediation Institute (IMI) Certified Mediator.

Education

Carnegie Mellon University (B, Fine Arts-1984).

Publications and Speaking Engagements

"The Benefits of Alternative Dispute Resolution for Resolving Construction Disputes," Rusk Breakell & Eckman, White Paper for New York Dispute Resolution Lawyer, Summer 2011; Faculty, AAA Spring Construction Conference, Mediation: It's Not New, So What's Next?, 2011, Over 10 presentations of Managing Risk for Architects and their Clients, Contractors and Subcontractors since 2006; Co-presenter, "Breaking the Impasse, Moving from Stalemate to Settlement in Mediation," American Arbitration Association, October 2004; speaker, "Ethics in Alternative Dispute Resolution," American Arbitration

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Association, 2002; ON TIME AND ON BUDGET, A HOME RENOVATION SURVIVAL GUIDE (How to make allies of your architect and contractor), Doubleday, June 1996; articles on causes of construction inefficiencies and appearances on the Today Show, Good Day New York, WALL STREET JOURNAL, NEWSWEEK, ELLE DECOR, LADIES HOME JOURNAL; columnist Taconic Newspaper chain.

Awards and Honors

Big 50 Award from Remodeling Magazine, 2009; Top Contractor List, New York Construction News 2009; Winner of the Lucy G. Moses award for Outstanding Contributions Made in the Field of Architectural and Historic Preservation, New York Landmarks Conservancy, 2000.

Citizenship

United States of America

Languages

English

Locale

New York, New York, United States of America

Compensation

Hearing:	\$600.00/Hr
Study:	\$600.00/Hr
Travel:	\$0.00/Hr
Cancellation:	DAY
Cancellation Period:	0 Days
Comment:	.

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