

CONSTRUCTION

The Oles Morrison Construction Law group is a results-oriented team that uses creative problem solving to pursue successful outcomes for clients while also trying to maintain valued business connections with third parties that are essential to long term success. *The Legal 500 (2020 Edition)* recognized Oles Morrison as one of the leading law firms for Construction Law in the United States. Our Construction Team is also ranked as a leader in Washington Construction Law by Chambers & Partners.

Our team has the ability to handle issues impacting construction projects from start to finish, including:

Claims

Construction claims are often technical and complicated. Our expansive experience in construction law coupled with an understanding of the technical aspects of construction projects enable us to counsel our clients in all types of construction claims, including: design and construction defect claims, delay and acceleration claims, disruption inefficiency claims, differing site conditions, change orders, entitlements and quantum, contract balance claims, mechanic's and materialman's lien claims and other matters. We assist with these issues during the project, explore alternative dispute resolution techniques and when necessary, our litigation attorneys work to obtain favorable verdicts on behalf of our clients.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Our client's construction projects require careful orchestration of people, resources, tools and budgets. When conflicts arise, the key to success is finding a solution quickly and cost effectively. Our team uses a broad range of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) techniques, including mediation and arbitration to achieve positive solutions for our clients while preserving relationships and continuing work on the project.

Litigation

Construction projects are complex, often involving multiple parties with intricate contracts. Changes and unexpected conditions often lead to requests for contract adjustments, and a certain number of those adjustments lead to disputes. When alternative dispute resolution fails, and the parties litigate before judges or juries, our experienced litigation attorneys work to obtain favorable verdicts and cost-effective settlements on behalf of our clients in a wide range of state and federal courts. We have handled claims of all sizes throughout the construction process, including: bid protests and disputes, differing site conditions, construction delays and accelerations, cardinal changes, construction defects, environmental hazards, structural issues, safety matters, bonding issues and every other issue facing construction projects.

Transactions

With a deep bench of construction law attorneys, we assist clients through every step of the procurement and construction process. We help with contract drafting, review, negotiation and administration, all with an eye toward mitigating future risks. Our team understands the complicated collision between ever-changing statutory and regulatory schemes and the businesses affected by them and we advise our clients daily of the impact on these issues.

Insurance Recovery & Insurance Coverage

We help commercial policyholders in the construction industry understand the complexities and nuances of their insurance coverages. When issues arise, we advise our clients on strategies for insurance claims that promote maximum recovery and getting back to work. Our team of attorneys has assisted clients in recovering hundreds of millions of dollars in insurance claims.

Procurement Disputes (Bidding & Bid Protests)

We understand that protecting our client's customer relationships is critical to success. Our attorneys advise clients involved both in challenging or defending pre- and post-award protests in all forums, including the Government Accountability Office (GAO), U.S. Court of Federal Claims (COFC) and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Handling bid protests of all sizes and complexity, our team has a proven record of success in multiple industries.

Surety & Bond Actions

Representing some of the nation's largest sureties and bond producers has provided us with the knowledge and experience to help our clients navigate through surety-related disputes, including disputes with sureties themselves. Our team is skilled at investigating, evaluating and responding to claims in performance bond defaults. We work with clients on private projects, as well as those secured via state or federal procurement processes.

Liens, Claims & Defense

General contractors, real estate developers and subcontractors in the construction industry come to us for guidance on handling complex payment and collection issues. Our skilled team prepares and records construction liens, prosecutes and defends lien claims and resolves

payment disputes through alternative dispute resolution and litigation. Prosecuting or defending a lien claim can be a long process, but our experienced attorneys work to move through it as quickly as possible, allowing our clients to keep their projects moving forward.

Risk Management

Successful construction projects proactively address issues to mitigate risk and limit future liability. Our goal is to help our clients anticipate potential risks at the beginning of the project to avoid liability, damages and loss throughout the process. We assist in helping our construction clients mitigate risk through effective construction administration, including: contract negotiation, preparation and review; insurance review and counsel; and development of contractor risk management programs.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

GENERAL MATTERS

- Represent international contractor on large California wastewater plant claim
- Represent private developer to defend delay and impact claims by general contractor
- Represent general contractor on partial termination of stadium steel fabricator
- Represent general contractor in large claims involving new computer chip manufacturing facility
- Represent foundation and tunnel contractors on tunnel-related claims in Washington and Florida
- Represent general contractor in complex claims involving incomplete design and delay on a multi-prime power generation plant project in Alaska
- Represent general contractor in complex multi-party claims involving design warranty and delay on corporate headquarters for international athletic product manufacturer
- Assist with review and negotiation of contracts for design and construction of private space launch facilities in Florida

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Favorably resolved dispute for a major mining contractor working for U.S. company involving new shaft construction in South America. Claims involved design deficiencies, differing site conditions and changed work. Resolved dispute by escalated dispute resolution processes between principles of two companies at neutral location.
- Represented large regional mechanical contractor. Joint Venture was a subcontractor on a power plant rehabilitation project which was being performed by large international company. Claims involved numerous changes, delays and impact which were caused by others, and changed conditions. Joint Venture recovered 100 percent of claim after six-week arbitration.
- Large settlement secured for tunnel contractor on claims for defective design and differing site conditions encountered in construction of a light rail station 200 feet below ground.
- Secured large settlement from state on contractor claims involving a transmission line in Alaska. Subsequently claims for both contractor and state were resolved in multimillion settlement against design professionals.
- Obtained large award from a contract appeal board following a hearing of wrongful termination claim on a highway contract.
- Represented JV prime contractor in a >\$100 million arbitration relating to a light rail project against the project owner and involving multiple subcontractors.
- Recovery on delay claim prosecution for heavy civil contractor against state agency on a multiyear railroad bridge replacement project.
- Heavy civil contractor differing site condition and delay claim prosecution in California Office of Administrative Hearings Public Works Contract Arbitration against local public entity on a multi-year bridge replacement project.
- Misrepresentation and nondisclosure of soil conditions claim prosecution for heavy civil contractor in California Office of Administrative Hearings Public Works Contract Arbitration against state agency on a multi-year highway construction project.
- Represented heavy civil contractor in delay claim prosecution against local public entity on a road rehabilitation project.
- Represented a drilling contractor in a dispute with the California Department of Transportation on claims for encountering differing site conditions during the construction of a portion of a new highway in slide prone territory. Assisted in the preparation of the claims and pursued it through arbitration resulting in an award to the client
- Achieved multimillion dollar settlement of contractor claims against the State of Hawaii involving changed conditions incurred in construction of a large sewage treatment plant.
- Represented a general contractor during construction of a \$1.2 billion computer chip manufacturing facility. Multiple parties had claims on the project, including our client, totaling over \$200 million dollars. We were able to coordinate the various claims and contracts, which resulted in an amicable settlement in the client's favor.

CLAIMS AND DISPUTES

- Represented a design-build general contractor during construction of an F-22 aircraft maintenance facility in Anchorage, Alaska. In addition to assisting in the prosecution of claims, we negotiated with all team members to bring the project to conclusion and the claims were amicably resolved by all parties.

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CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING

- Evaluated major project contract documents in support of client's LTA due diligence efforts on a US DOE Loan Guarantee Program for a cellulose-to-ethanol conversion facility. We also performed technical due diligence review.
- Developed competitive bid procurement procedures and policies for a Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group, which coordinates and performs salmon habitat restoration. In addition to developing bid and procurement procedures, we drafted contract documents and bid package information for the various projects the client undertakes. We also assisted the client on project management issues, including oversight of construction teams ultimately selected by this Owner client.
- Retained by an Island Improvement Association, which is made up of Island homeowners, and was tasked with coordinating and drafting design, construction and financing documents when the association sought to replace the only bridge allowing access to the island. In addition, we assisted the client throughout the procurement process to assure the proper design and construction team was in place for this major project.
- Retained by a general contract to oversee and coordinate the preparation of construction documents, including drafting of the prime contract, for an approximately \$70 million shopping mall.
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PROCUREMENT DISPUTES (BIDDING AND BID PROTESTS)

- Handled the bid protest for the manufacturer and supplier of engines and control systems on a contract for the construction of ferries for the Washington State Department of Transportation including pursuing the protest through a multi-day court hearing after which court ruled in favor of the client on its protest resulting in a rejection of the award to another supplier.
- Supreme Court affirmed a favorable trial court decision in favor of contractor who signed their land but not the bid form.
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CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

- Assisted a large telecommunications company with the procurement and construction of a large fiber optic and microwave repeating communication network in remote portions of Alaska. Assisted in the development of the request for proposals to be sent to contractors, developed the construction contracts to be used and participated in the negotiation and final negotiations of the contracts with the various suppliers and contractors, including issues regarding the applicability of prevailing wage rules. Also, assisted in the resolution of disputes that arose during contracting and construction
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RISK MANAGEMENT

- Effectively applied the concept of partnering in achieving claims free performance for the constructor of a new floating bridge following the sinking of a predecessor bridge and major litigation brought by State.
- Represents international partner in joint venture involved in the world's largest tunneling project of its kind.
- Represented international partner in an EPC joint venture in negotiating P3 contract documents for a light rail project.
- Counsel to engineering team providing construction contracting advice to institutional lenders on cutting edge renewable energy projects, which also included projects internationally.
- Represented general contractor client on insurance risk and minimize liability exposure by examining loss run and insurance coverage and additional insured status for on-going projects to minimize exposure and maintain preservation of assets.

- Negotiated and drafted for major general contractors hundreds of millions of dollars worth of contracts, in various structures, including first known Integrated Project Delivery Method contract in the Pacific Northwest, for a major health care facility.
- Successfully tried matter and received full defense verdict and judgment for HVAC/Sheetmetal subcontractor against large national insurer on claims relating to breach of contract and defense/indemnity obligations including recovery through equitable subrogation rights.
- Successfully responded to appeal by large national insurer while achieving an affirmed decision of underlying court trial verdict/judgment. First Appellate District of California has certified and published its opinion. This is the first certified and published opinion in California for Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker.
- Successfully took matter through jury trial in Alameda County and achieved full value resolution after the close of our case-in-chief.
- Received full value award following a three week arbitration hearing involving an employee-related fraud and embezzlement action.

LITIGATION

- Subcontractor extra-contractual work claim prosecution against general contractor in California state court on a state agency reservoir construction project.
- Differing site condition and delay claim prosecution for heavy civil contractor in California state court against local public entity on a sewer line construction project.
- Contract change and defective specifications claim prosecution for heavy civil contractor in California state court against local public entity on a sewer rehabilitation project.
- Provided representation to an electrical subcontractor on a new school project regarding disputes during the course of construction and helped prepare and present a substantial claim for delay disruption and the contract balance. The claim was pursued through a five-week jury trial after which the client was awarded a judgment for all amounts sought including costs and fees.
- Represented a general contractor in a dispute with a major fabricator/steel supplier over issues that arose during the construction of a new bridge over the Kenai River in Alaska. The dispute concerned issues regarding responsibility for compliance with specified tolerances and the cause of the failure to meet specifications.
- Litigated disputes regarding contract for the provision of services in Hanford over the issue of the appropriateness of the termination of the contract, the improper solicitation of the client's employees by the terminating party and the nature and scope of damages that could be recovered.
- Successfully defended project developer against site contractor claims and recovered full losses of developer from contractor, including attorney's fees. Claims litigated through formal arbitration and successfully confirmed award in court, defeating multiple challenges.
- Litigated a lengthy trial regarding disputes that arose out of the remodel, repair and new construction at an oil refinery.
- Represented national heavy civil contractor on floating bridge rehabilitation contract where bridge failed during work. Worked closely with client to resolve claims with public agency and successfully mediated resolution in multi-day, multi-party mediation, including contractors, public agency, bonding company and insurance companies resulting in no loss for contractor.
- Alternative dispute resolution procedures used to reach a very favorable settlement with government for an international heavy civil contractor working on an earth and dam rehabilitation project using methods commonly used in Europe but not previously used in United States.
- Represented large regional heavy civil contractor on new pier construction at major Naval facility including differing site conditions, design defects, and superior knowledge claims, as well as claims by subcontractors. Favorably resolved dispute with government by use of alternative dispute resolution procedures. Favorably resolved dispute with subcontractor after litigation filed using federal judge as mediator.
- Represented national testing laboratory performing testing at a nuclear facility which had been terminated for default by the operating contractor. After a five-week trial, default termination was converted to termination for convenience and testing laboratory was reinstated and received positive recovery.
- Successfully recovered in excess of 90 percent of claim after three-week arbitration for a large regional commercial contractor on claims related to site development and construction of large commercial shopping mall. Claims involved delays, changes and impacts to project.
- Represented large regional fabricator on contract involving rehabilitation of dam, including numerous hazardous waste issues. Successfully defended against claims by owner and through stepped mediation, was able to resolve all claims with insurance funds, resulting in positive outcome for client.
- Worked closely with national heavy civil contractor on dam rehabilitation contract with Corps of Engineers to resolve a claim involving differing site condition which made portions of the work impossible and greatly increased cost of work. Resolved through dispute process with the public agency on favorable terms to contractor and allowed for completion of the project through administrative process.
- On a major pier construction for the Navy in California, represented large regional heavy civil contractor on claims involved differing site conditions, design deficiencies, and major changes during the course of the work, greatly extending time and cost. Agreed with government to utilize modified alternative dispute resolution procedures to favorably resolve dispute in mediation in Washington, DC.
- Full recovery based on decision of the Engineering BCA for inherent failure of a government-designated rock quarry to produce specified armor stone for new dikes/revetments on a harbor project.

- Federal court jury in Montana returned large verdict for a contractor on claims against surety for failure to comply with industry standards applicable to a contractor default.
- Secured a jury verdict after 14 weeks of trial for a contractor and owner against the design professional based on the cumulative impact of massive changes in constructing a high-rise building in Seattle.
- Secured multi-million-dollar decision from ASBCA granting full recovery for significant quantity underruns on a dredging project.
- Large judgment upheld on appeal for constructor claims for multiple changes and breach of design warranty involving substantial refurbishment of an oil refinery in California.
- Jury awarded 100 percent of all claims for costs overruns plus business devastation damages on a road building contract in rural Alaska.
- Represented JV prime contractor and its sureties in a >\$100 million twelve-week jury trial relating to claims arising from a large bore tunneling project.
- Represent contractor before the ASBCA involving a construction project for the Army Corps of Engineers on a Navy base in Israel.
- Obtained substantial fraud and misrepresentation verdict against a former employee of a construction company based on embezzlement and misappropriation of funds.
- Obtained defense verdict for waterproofing construction company on high-level condominium project in San Francisco.
- Successfully responded to appeal by large national insurer while achieving an affirmed decision of underlying court trial verdict/judgment. First Appellate District of California has certified and published its opinion. This is the first certified and published opinion in California for Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker.

INSURANCE RECOVERY AND INSURANCE COVERAGE

- Represented large JV on \$150MM plus design-build project for a new section of highway including several bridges, for a state DOT. Involved throughout project with major DSC claims leading to substantial change orders and ultimately an agreed termination. Pursued arbitration against design engineers thereafter for significant recovery.
- Insurance coverage counsel advising joint venture partners on replacement of seawall project.
- Insurance coverage counsel for specialized micro-tunneling boring machine (“MTBM”) contractors involving multiple specialized tunneling projects in King County.
- Insurance coverage counsel for specialty subcontractor providing services on the Light Rail-Central Tunneling Project in San Francisco, CA.
- Insurance coverage counsel for Joint Venture Partner on Alaskan Way Viaduct Project involving what was, at time of contract, the world’s largest Tunnel Boring Machine (“TBM”).
- Insurance coverage counsel for joint venture on Sound Transit’s Northlink Light Rail project.
- Insurance coverage and trial counsel for largest building materials and cement supplier on the West Coast with operations in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada and Arizona as well as Western Canada in litigation involving multi phase commercial development project in Pacific Northwest.
- Insurance coverage counsel advising general contractor on encroachment and differing site conditions claim involving a mixed use project in Utah.
- Insurance coverage counsel advising contractor involving multiple specialized tunneling projects in several Western states including Washington, Oregon, California, and North Dakota. Insurance coverage counsel for largest shore-based processor of Pacific Whiting on the West Coast providing advice on equipment and property claims. Insurance coverage counsel for fully integrated worldwide leader in transportation infrastructure construction and maintenance of road, air, rail, and maritime transport infrastructure and urban development projects.
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- Successfully obtained a substantial award in arbitration for impact and unpaid progress invoices and unapproved and unpaid change orders for a subcontractor on a prominent automotive facility project regarding payment and delay claims.
- Represent general contractor on multi-million-dollar construction of a Silicon Valley apartment complex and obtain judgments and maximized settlements from other culpable construction parties based on defective workmanship and design.

TRANSACTIONS

- Negotiated and drafted for major general contractors hundreds of millions of dollars worth of contracts, in various structures, including first known Integrated Project Delivery Method contract in the Pacific Northwest, for a major health care facility.
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- Draft/prepared contract documents to be used by all parties in the construction of a large power plant, including subcontracts, supply contracts, warranty provisions and insurance requirements including negotiations with various carriers regarding the scope and nature of the builder's risk coverage to be provided.
- Represented client in a bid protest involving a >\$400 million wastewater treatment facility.

SURETY AND BOND ACTIONS

- Lead counsel for general contractor building four major transit stations underground in downtown Seattle. Handled major claims against municipality owner and more than 30 subcontractor claims. Successfully resolved all major issues with minimal litigation.
- Successfully argued on behalf of general contractor that a supplier of temporary labor services does not have standing to assert a claim under Washington's public bond and retention statutes.

CLAIMS

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- Counsel to major mining contractor working for a private international company developing mining projects crossing borders of two South American countries. Prepared claims, as well as defend against claims relating to the project resulting in the client's ability
- Represented prime contractor on concrete physical sciences structure at a state university, which settled after seven weeks of trial and continued for five more weeks in successful defense of mechanical contractor claims. Judgment for contractor was sustained by State Supreme Court.
- Facilitated full recovery following lengthy trial for contractor on highway construction claim involving changed conditions claims due to failure of designated gravel courses to produce specified materials.
- Secured large settlement for contractor of a major port expansion first against the federal government and later on claims by public owner against the project's design and construction firms.
- Represented JV prime contractor in claims against the project owner on seawall replacement project.

- Represented contractor on claims arising from construction of a sewer treatment facility in Hawaii.

ATTORNEYS

- Sam E. Baker, Jr.
- Eric P. Forner
- Joseph Haughney
- Thomas R. Krider
- Trevor H. Lane
- Robert L. Leslie
- James F. Nagle
- Douglas S. Oles
- Bradley L. Powell
- Howard W. Roth
- J. Craig Rusk
- Sydney M. Sullivan
- David C. Weaver
- Angelia D. Wesch
- Deborah J. Wilson
- Nicole E. Wolfe

NEWS

- Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker LLP attorneys Sydney Sullivan and Jedidiah Blake II were published in the July edition of The Associated General Contractors of Alaska!
- The 2022 Edition of The Legal 500 Nationally Ranks Oles Morrison's Construction and Government Contracts Practices
- Women in Construction Week 2021
- Oles Morrison Celebrates Women in Construction Week - Emily Roebling
- Oles Morrison Celebrates Women in Construction Week
- Jim Nagle and Howard Roth to speak to Northern California PTAC Members March 23
- Are Business Losses for COVID-19 Covered?
- Anticipating Federal Contracting Policy Changes for Alaska State and Public Projects
- Congress allows tax deductibility for Paycheck Protection Program expenses
- President Biden's New Directions for Government Contracting - February 11, 2021
- Oles Morrison Announces Three Attorneys Promoted to Partner
- Who pays for coronavirus costs on public works projects: contractors or owners?
- Got a PPP loan? IRS says you can't deduct expenses from them — at least for now
- Oles Morrison is Ranked Among Nation's Top Law Firms by U.S. News – Best Lawyers® 2021 List
- An Exclusive Interview with Oles Morrison Attorney Angelia D. Wesch is Featured in America's Women Magazine the Seattle Edition
- Mike Schmidt will present at the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants on October 30th.
- ARBITRATION – A PRIMER
- Bidding on Public Projects: the Calculated Risks of Unbalanced Bids
- Mike Schmidt and Wiley Cason authored an article on unbalanced bids for The Alaska Contractor's Fall edition
- ICYMI: The New Normal: Real Estate in the COVID Era
- Jim Nagle and Meghan Douris to speak at the 27th Annual Washington Construction Law Conference September 22nd - 23rd
- Join Oles Morrison Partners Angelia Wesch, Michael Schmidt and Mark Fox of Flinn Ferguson on Sept 17th for "The New Normal: Real Estate in the COVID Era"
- Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker Attorneys Named to The Best Lawyers in America®
- Super Lawyers Selects Fourteen Oles Morrison Attorneys for inclusion in the 2020 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists.
- Join Partner, Meghan Douris, for Construction for Change's Virtual Fundraiser
- Alaska Supreme Court Decision Underscores Importance of Carefully Following Contract Claim Provisions
- Join Oles Morrison at the AGC of WA CLC Education: Constructing an Effective Feedback Culture
- Webinar: Business Interruption, Extra Expense, and Liability Coverage for Insureds Facing Losses Associated with COVID-19

- The 2020 Edition of The Legal 500 Nationally Ranks Oles Morrison's Construction and Government Contracts Practices
- Join Us for Moving Alaska Forward in the Age of COVID-19 Webinar Series
- The Associated General Contractors of Alaska interviewed Mike Geraghty
- Chambers & Partners recognized Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker in its annual Chambers USA Guide
- While “Some” Construction Projects may Re-Open in Washington, Much Remains Unclear
- Who’s Allowing What? A County-by-County Breakdown of California’s Stay-at-Home Restrictions on Construction
- Insurer Liability for Business Closures due to COVID-19-Will Courts Find “Physical Loss or Damage”?
- Bryce Carroll will speak at the Northern California Chapter of CMAA's webinar "Construction Impacts and Disputes: Preparing to Resolve Claims and Resume Work after COVID-19."
- Force Majeure and Delays in the Time of COVID-19
- Long-Time Firm Consultant John J. Reed, Jr. Dies After Contracting COVID-19
- Legal Eagle Angelia Wesch of Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker Embraces Change, Good Advice and Fearlessness
- President Trump Answers Small Business' Prayers; Signs CARES Act with Payroll Protection Program
- Washington's "Stay At Home" Proclamation: Construction Update
- Washington’s Version of “Shelter in Place”: What it Means for the Construction Industry
- AGC Webinar Recap: Latest Developments and Impacts on the Construction Industry
- Am I Covered? Business Interruption and Extra Expense Coverage for Clients Facing Losses Associated with Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Firm Update: Reducing the Risk of COVID-19
- Court Ruling on Subcontracts Casts Doubt into Nearly Every Construction Project
- Angelia Wesch named a Fellow of the American College of Coverage Counsel
- Daniel Culicover Joins AGC of Washington's Construction Leadership Council
- Court Holds That Subcontract Failed to Incorporate Prime Contract, Despite Subcontract Explicitly Doing So
- Oles Morrison and Women Leaders in Construction Celebrate Women in Construction Week
- Alaska Hire Law Created Undefendable Quotas; Not More Jobs, In Zones of Underemployment
- Douglas Oles Appointed as an Officer of the International Construction Projects Committee (ICP) of the International Bar Association
- Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker Promotes Attorney
- Tom Krider and Meghan Douris to present at the AGC’s 2020 Conference on Surety Bonding and Construction Risk Management January 29
- Government Construction Contracts in the Era of Buy American
- What contractors can do to keep from getting hit with L&I’s retroactive ‘matrix violations’
- Alix Town authored "Lost In Translation: Marrying Oregon CCB Licensing Requirements With The World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement"
- L&I's retroactive fines could cost unsuspecting contractors hundreds of thousands of dollars
- Oles Morrison Names Jason Wandler New Managing Partner
- Jason Wandler Appointed as the Chair of Associated Builders & Contractors of Western Washington
- Oles Morrison is Ranked Among Nation’s Top Law Firms by U.S. News – Best Lawyers®
- Oles Morrison hosts Navigating Federal Government Contracts Northwest 2019 on Oct. 30
- Nine Attorneys Were Selected For Inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2020
- Oregon House Bills 2007 and 2415 to Affect Contractors
- Douglas Oles and Alix Town authored the U.S. chapter for the sixth edition of The International Comparative Legal Guide To: Construction & Engineering Law 2019.
- What happens to a contract when a dispute arises?
- Ten Attorneys Selected to the 2019 Washington Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Find Somewhere Else to Fight! Venue-Selection Clause in Contract Closes Door to Federal Courthouse Located Outside Venue
- Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker Receives Rankings In 2019 Issue Of Chambers USA Guide
- Oles Morrison hosts a Women in Construction Week Happy Hour
- President Trump Expands Buy American Act – Another Wrench in the Works?
- Douglas Oles Appointed to Board of Trustees of the Beavers Charitable Trust
- High court decision means arbitrators must decide a case — even without jurisdiction
- Angelia Wesch ELEVATE Inspirator Award Finalist Announcement
- Oles Morrison is Ranked Among Nation’s Top Law Firms by U.S. News – Best Lawyers®
- High court decision deals a blow to contractors’ submittal process
- Douglas Oles to speak at the 8th Int'l Society of Construction Law Conference

- Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker LLP attorneys selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® 2019
- Rob Leslie and Rebecca Takacs listed as 2018 Northern California Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Douglas Oles and Alix Town Contribute to The International Comparative Legal Guide To: Construction & Engineering Law 2018
- Five Oles Morrison Attorneys Named to 2018 Washington Super Lawyers List
- Serving Our Clients for 125 Years
- Angelia Wesch featured in King County Bar Association's Women Making History series
- Douglas Oles Elected President of The American College of Construction Lawyers
- Oles Morrison and Clark Construction to host Women Leaders in Construction at their annual spring event
- James Nagle, Adam Lasky and Ryan Gilchrist Author Chapters in ABA's Definitive Guide to Federal Government Construction Contracts
- Adam Lasky recently authored "Roadmap to Bid Protests at the U.S. Court of Federal Claims" for the ABA Forum on Construction Law's The Construction Lawyer
- Six E-Discovery Predictions For 2018
- Oles Morrison receives the Northwest Marketing & Communications Project of the Year Award from the Legal Marketing Association
- AGC of WA announces the 2018 CLC Steering Committee
- Oles Morrison is Ranked Among Nation's Top Law Firms by U.S. News – Best Lawyers®
- Oles Morrison Expands its California Litigation Department with Addition of Bryce Carroll
- Buy America and Buy American: What's the difference and why it matters
- Howard Roth authors "Smooth sailing, maritime government contract claims in U.S. District Court"
- Angelia Wesch to speak at Insurance in the Construction Industry Seminar
- James Nagle is the featured speaker at the 24th Annual Washington Construction Law Seminar
- Howard Roth commented to the Los Angeles Times on proposed "Buy American" provisions in NAFTA
- Sam Baker and Auction of Washington Wines Raises Record Breaking \$4.1M
- Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker Attorneys Named "Best Lawyers in America"
- Federal Government Contracts: How to Navigate in the New Administration Seminar – Nov. 16, 2017
- Angelia Wesch presenting at "Insurance in the Construction Industry" seminar
- Six Oles Morrison Attorneys Named to 2017 Washington Super Lawyers® and Rising Stars Lists
- Viable Alternatives to Payment and Performance Bonds
- NUCA Dozer Day® Seattle June 3-4
- Angelia Wesch to moderate CREW Seattle & Sound's Annual Women of Influence Luncheon
- Women Leaders in Construction Summer Social June 15
- Oles Morrison is pleased to welcome attorney Rebecca D. Takacs
- Oles Morrison is Ranked Among Nation's Top Law Firms by U.S. News - Best Lawyers®
- Oles Morrison's Angelia D. Wesch is Honored by Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Network with National Impact Award
- Sean Dowell co-authored "Defending against preference demands"
- Filing a claim for extra work? Contractors still bear the burden of complying with notice requirements
- Douglas Oles to moderate panel at the Society of Construction Law Biennial International Conference
- Congratulations to our six attorneys who were selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2017 edition of Best Lawyers in America.
- Join James Nagle at the 23rd Annual Washington Construction Law Conference on September 15th & 16th
- Oles Morrison Celebrates 25th Anniversary as AGC of Alaska Member
- Join Women Leaders in Construction at the Construction for Change Banquet
- Craig Rusk to Present on Advanced Construction Contracts
- Craig Rusk and Michael Geraghty to Present at AGC of Alaska
- Doug Oles, Pete Ralston and Mike Geraghty Recognized by American Bar Foundation
- Women Leaders in Construction Celebrates Earth Day
- AGC of Alaska Publishes Federal Contracts Article by Howard Roth
- Melia Preedy to Co-Present on Ethical Issues in Bankruptcy
- Oles Morrison Supports Construction for Change on Giving Tuesday
- Tom Krider Featured at NUCA Construction Law Seminar
- Angelia Wesch to Moderate CREW Panel Discussion
- Craig Rusk to present at AGC of Alaska's Annual Conference
- Oles Morrison Named 2016 Best Law Firm by U.S. News and Best Lawyers

- Oles Morrison Welcomes Three New Attorneys
- Douglas Oles Invited to Speak at Three Notable Conferences
- Doug Oles to Present at the 40th Annual Conference on Deep Foundations
- Angelia Wesch to Moderate Distinguished NAIOP Panel
- Doug Oles and Jason Wandler Named to List of Best Lawyers in America© 2016
- Attorney Kevin McCarthy Joins Oles Morrison
- Angelia Wesch named 2015 CREW “Mentor of the Year”
- Northern California Super Lawyers Recognizes Rob Leslie
- Attorney Eric P. Forner Joins Oles Morrison
- Howard Roth Presents Recap of AGC’s 2015 Fed Con at AGC of Alaska
- Super Lawyers Recognizes Six Oles Morrison Attorneys
- Bay Area Office Moves to New Location
- Oles Morrison Announces Two New Partners
- Angelia Wesch and Craig Rusk to present in Anchorage
- Oles Morrison Named 2015 Best Law Firm by U.S. News and Best Lawyers
- Craig Rusk Will Present at the 7th Annual Alaska Construction Law Seminar
- Sam Baker Elected to National Academy of Construction
- Doug Oles Selected as National Editor of the Journal of the American College of Construction Lawyers
- Attorney Alix K. Schroeder Joins Oles Morrison
- Doug Oles and Jason Wandler Named to List of Best Lawyers in America© 2015
- Oles Morrison Supports the Beavers Charitable Trust
- Super Lawyers Recognizes Nine Oles Morrison Attorneys
- Jason R. Wandler Elected to ABC Board of Directors
- Doug Oles Presents to the American Public Works Association
- Angelia D. Wesch Joins Oles Morrison as Partner
- Attorney Craig Rusk to Address Alaska Construction Law Conference
- Oles Morrison to Host Women Leaders in Construction
- Oles Morrison featured in AGC’s The Alaska Contractor Magazine
- Jim Nagle to Address 17th Annual AGC/CFMA Conference
- Jim Nagle and Allen Estes to Speak at National Electrical Contractors Association
- Oles Morrison Co-Presents Seminar In Anchorage
- Jim Nagle to Address NCMA Puget Sound Chapter
- Oles Morrison Celebrates Historic 120th Year Milestone
- Canadian College of Construction Lawyers Honors Doug Oles
- Jim Nagle and Doug Oles Present to AGC California Group
- Women Leaders in Construction Gather at Oles Morrison
- Five Oles Morrison Attorneys Named to Super Lawyers Lists
- Is LEED’s future with federal projects under threat?
- James Nagle Offered Keynote Address at the 2013 Alliance Northwest Conference on Federal Contracts
- J. Craig Rusk Presents on Fed. Contracting at the Pacific and Northwest Engineer Training Symposium
- Douglas Oles Named to List of Best Lawyers By U.S. News and Best Lawyers
- California Partner Robert L. Leslie Joins Seattle Partners in Launching New Bay Area Office
- J. Craig Rusk to Address 5th Annual Alaska Construction Law Conference
- Partner James Nagle to Address Construction Review and Outlook 2012 Seminar
- Attorneys to Address 2012 International Construction Law Conference in London
- Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker, LLP Announces New Partner Robert L. Leslie to Head California Office
- Oles Morrison’s Seattle Women Leaders in Construction Event - May 17, 2012
- Meghan Douris Presenting “Risk – A Lawyers View on Sustainable Projects” at CMAA Seminar
- Monitoring and Responding to Subcontractor Insolvency to Keep Work on Schedule
- AGC Alaska Presents Oles Morrison with 2011 Associate of the Year Award at Annual Conference
- Tom Krider to speak at WSBA Construction Law Winter Forum
- 2012 Alaska Construction Law and Government Contracting Seminars

- Jason Wandler presenting at WSU School of Architecture & Construction Management November 8, 2011
- Oles Morrison Presents: The Road to Green - LEED & Green Building Seminar November 3, 2011
- Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker, LLP Wins \$13 Million Settlement for Parsons Corporation
- The Beavers Heavy Engineering Construction Assoc. Announces Sam Baker as 2012 Golden Beaver Awardee
- Meghan Douris for Seattle DJC: Is your LEED project a green hornet's nest?
- Craig Rusk and Allen Estes Speaking at NECA National Convention October 24
- Doug Oles on Resolving Construction Disputes for the 2011 American Bar Association Annual Meeting
- Doug Oles Elected to the Board of Directors of the American College of Construction Lawyers
- Doug Oles to Speak at Pacific Business & Law Institute "Construction Claims Disputes and Liability"
- James Nagle to speak at the Construction Industry Government Construction Contracting Conference