

Eric Forner combines his first-hand construction industry experience with his legal skills to counsel construction companies and businesses of all sizes. His legal practice is full service addressing all aspects of his client's legal needs from initial contract drafting and review to complex litigation of claims and disputes. In addition to handling construction-related matters, Eric also practices in the areas of business and real estate, and commercial litigation.

He is well versed in advising clients as general counsel on business transitions, business formation, ownership disputes and transfers, to reviewing and drafting operating agreements, bylaws, and partnership agreements. Eric has also advised clients through the purchase and sale of their business and properties and reviewed and drafted lease agreements for both tenants and landlords.

Prior to law school, Eric worked as an estimator and project manager for a small, Seattle-based specialty subcontractor and in the accounting department for a construction supply company. During law school Eric externed for Freestone Capital Management working with their legal department and alternative investment group to determine structure, set up, and track investment/holding companies for numerous investment opportunities.



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PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction
- Business & Real Estate
- Commercial Litigation

EDUCATION

- J.D. University of Washington School of Law
- B.A., Seattle University, Marketing, Finance minor

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Washington State Courts
- U.S. District Court, Western District, Washington

AFFILIATIONS

- Legislative Committee, National Utility Contractors Association
- Associated Builders & Contractors, Western Washington Chapter
- Board Member, Association of Builders & Contractors of Western Washington Young Professionals Group
- Associated General Contractors of Washington

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Author, "Federal Government Contractors: Take Note of These Five Important Developments," AGC-AK Contractor Magazine, Fall 2018
- Author, "Important Reinterpretation of 8(a) Federal Procurement Law May Mean High-Value Government Contracts will be Returning to Alaska Native Corporations," Procurement Playbook, August 14, 2018
- Author, "Does a Contracting Officer's Mistake about the Reasons for a Termination Constitute Bad Faith or an Abuse of Discretion?" Procurement Playbook, April 20, 2017
- Author, "Stopped Before You Start: EPA's Pre-emptive Veto of Bristol Bay's Proposed Pebble Mine," AGC Alaska Contractor Magazine, Spring 2016
- Contributing Author, "Construction Law Update," Aspen Publishing, eds. 2015 & 2016

NEWS & INSIGHTS

- Oles Morrison is Ranked Among Nation's Top Law Firms by U.S. News – Best Lawyers® 2021 List
- The 2020 Edition of The Legal 500 Nationally Ranks Oles Morrison's Construction and Government Contracts Practices
- Washington's Version of "Shelter in Place": What it Means for the Construction Industry
- COVID-19 and Impacts on Construction
- What contractors can do to keep from getting hit with L&I's retroactive 'matrix violations'
- L&I's retroactive fines could cost unsuspecting contractors hundreds of thousands of dollars
- Oles Morrison is Ranked Among Nation's Top Law Firms by U.S. News – Best Lawyers®
- Legal 500 Recognizes Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker's Government Contracts Practice In 2019 National Guide
- Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker Receives Rankings In 2019 Issue Of Chambers USA Guide
- Serving Our Clients for 125 Years
- Attorney Eric P. Forner Joins Oles Morrison